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ERRORS!"**





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BATMAN

AND
ROBIN
-THE BOY WONDER-

YOU'VE PROBABLY COMMITTED SOME BONERS IN YOUR TIME. MOST EVERYBODY HAS. HISTORY IS FULL OF THE MISTAKES OF MAN, SOME OF WHICH NEVER COULD BE WRITTEN OFF, AND SOME WHICH BOOMERANGED INTO DEEDS OF GOOD FORTUNE, BUT ONLY A SENSE OF HUMOR LIKE THE **JOKER'S** COULD THINK OF TRANSLATING BONERS INTO CRIMES! AND WHEN THE CLOWN-PRINCE OF CROOKDOM SETS OUT TO RE-CREATE THE CLASSIC ERRORS OF HISTORY FOR PERSONAL GAIN--AND IN ADDITION READIES A SPECIAL BONER JUST FOR **BATMAN**--IT ALL ADDS UP TO ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING ADVENTURES EVER TO BEFALL THE DYNAMIC DUO... IN THE STORY CALLED...

"THE JOKER'S COMEDY OF ERRORS!"

CRASH!

THE
JOKER'S
COLLECTION
OF THE GREAT
BONERS
OF
HISTORY

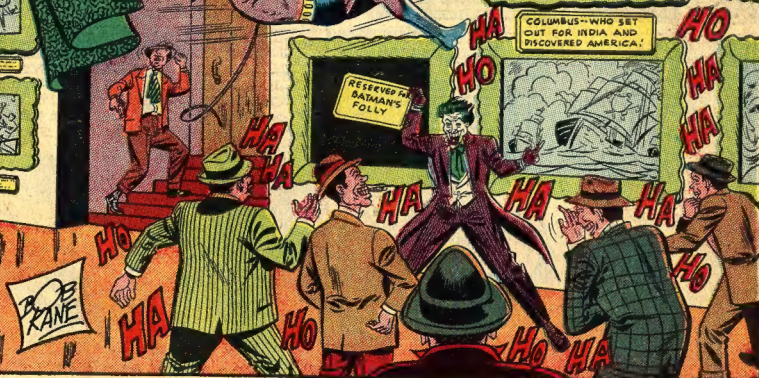
BASEBALL'S
CLASSIC BONER--
WHEN MERKLE OF THE
GIANTS FORGOT TO TOUCH
SECOND!



COLUMBUS--WHO SET
OUT FOR INDIA AND
DISCOVERED AMERICA!



RESERVED FOR
BATMAN'S
FOLLY



BOB
KANE

ONE EVENING, A STRANGE FIGURE EMERGES FROM THE SHADOWS IN DOWNTOWN GOTHAM CITY-- THE FIGURE OF THE **JOKER**, CLOWN PRINCE OF CRIME!

INTO THE BASEMENT WITH YOU, BRAGG! YOU KNOW WHERE THE FUSE BOX IS! GIVE US TEN MINUTES-- THEN PULL THE FUSES, HA-HA!

RIGHT, JOKER!

GOTHAM CITY ELECTRIC CO.

AND, IN THE BUILDING...

HA-HA! ONLY THE JOKER WOULD THINK OF ROBBERING THE ELECTRIC COMPANY BY TURNING OUT THE LIGHTS. C'MON, MEN-- WE'LL RIDE IN STYLE-- IN THE ELEVATOR!

THEY'LL SURE BE SURPRISED WHEN THE LIGHTS GO OUT! WE'LL GET THEIR PAYROLL EASY!

A MOMENT LATER...

THE 24TH FLOOR, MY MAN-- AND MAKE IT QUICK! HA-HA!

DO WHAT HE SAYS, BUDDY-- OR ELSE!

THEN, AS THE JOKER PUTS HIS PLAN INTO OPERATION...

IT'S THE JOKER! CALL THE POLICE!

HA-HA! IMAGINE THE ELECTRIC COMPANY WITHOUT LIGHTS! BY THE TIME THE POLICE COME, I'LL BE WELL ON THE WAY TO THE HIDEOUT!

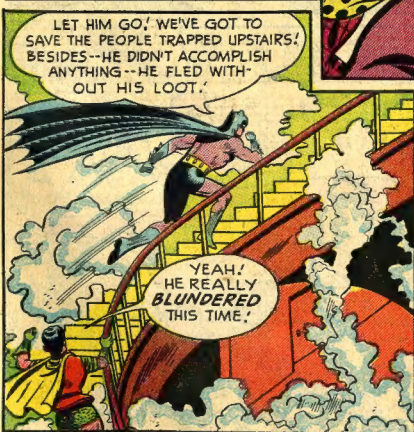
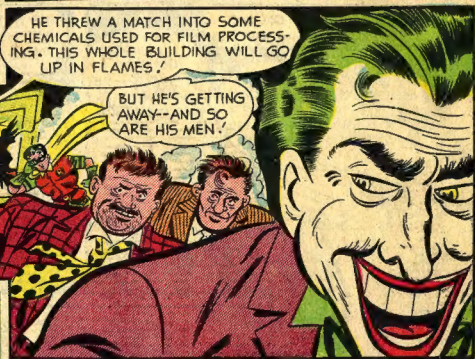
THE LIGHTS WENT OUT! HELP-- WE'RE BEING ROBBED!

QUICK--INTO THE ELEVATOR! WE CAUGHT THEM FLAT-FOOTED, JUST AS I PLANNED! HA-HA!

BUT THEN--

HOW DO YOU EXPECT THIS ELEVATOR TO MOVE? YOU CUT OFF ALL THE ELECTRICITY!

WHAT A FOOL I'VE BEEN! HOW COULD I BLUNDER SO! HURRY, MEN--WE MUST USE THE STAIRS!



MEANWHILE, AT THE JOKER'S HIDEOUT...

SO! THEY LAUGH AT MY **BONER**,
WILL THEY?! I'LL SHOW THEM!
I'LL SHOW THEM HOW MANY
BONERS THE JOKER CAN
MAKE!



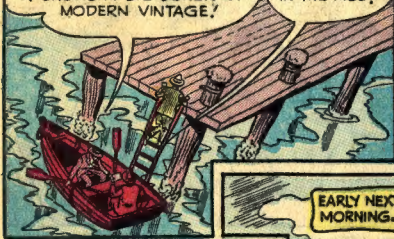
THIS EMPHASIS ON **BONERS**
HAS GIVEN ME AN IDEA FOR A
NEW ADVENTURE IN CRIME!
GOTHAM CITY WILL RUE THE DAY
IT MENTIONED THE WORD
BONER!



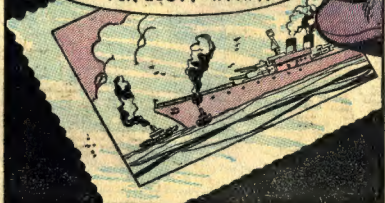
A FEW NIGHTS LATER, ON THE
BANKS OF THE GOTHAM RIVER...

I WILL TAKE THE
**GREAT BONERS OF ALL-
TIME** AND TURN THEM INTO
CRIMES! SEE THIS PICTURE?
IT SHOWS A BIG **BONER** OF
MODERN VINTAGE!

I REMEMBER!
THAT'S THE
MISSOURI--THE
BATTLESHIP
THAT GOT STUCK
IN THE MUD!



THE WORLD ROARED WHEN THIS MIGHTY
BATTLE-WAGON RAN AGROUND! IT
WAS QUITE A **BONER!** WELL--
WE'LL RE-CREATE THE SCENE--
FOR LOOT! HA-HA!



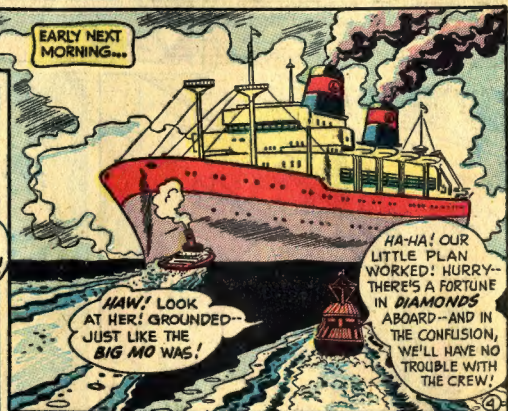
MOMENTS
LATER...

WE'LL JUST
CHANGE THE
BUOYS IN THE
GOTHAM RIVER...
AND WHEN THE
S.S. CAPETOWNIA
ARRIVES TOMORROW,
THE FUN WILL BE-
GIN! HA-HA!

YEAH! THAT'S
A NEW SHIP ON
ITS MAIDEN RUN.
THE CAPTAIN AIN'T
FAMILIAR WITH THIS
RIVER AT ALL--
AND THE PILOT
DON'T COME
ABOARD TILL
THEY NEAR
THE HARBOR,
DOWNSTREAM.



EARLY NEXT
MORNING...



HAW! LOOK
AT HER! GROUND--
JUST LIKE THE
BIG MO WAS!

HA-HA! OUR
LITTLE PLAN
WORKED! HURRY--
THERE'S A FORTUNE
IN **DIAMONDS**
ABOARD--AND IN
THE CONFUSION,
WE'LL HAVE NO
TROUBLE WITH
THE CREW!

NEXT
DAY...

GOATHAM GAZETTE
STUNG BY HIS BONER,
JOKER LASHES BACK!
LOOTS STALLED LINER
LARGE DIAMOND COLLECTION
STOLEN!
FIRST "BONER" CRIME!
MISHAP TO BIG MO
RETAGGED BY JOKER--
WARNS OF MORE TO
COME

MEANWHILE...

THE FAMED LEANING TOWER
OF PISA! ONE OF THE GREAT ARCHI-
TECTURAL BONERS IN HISTORY! FAULTY
FOUNDATION WORK AND MISCALCULA-
TIONS ALMOST CAUSED IT TO TOPPLE
OVER!

BUT HOW YOU
GONNA USE THIS
TO PULL A JOB,
BOSS?



IN ANSWER, THE JOKER TAKES HIS MEN ON A WILD RIDE THROUGH
THE COUNTRY. AND THEN...

WHY--THIS IS THAT OIL
MAGNATE'S JOINT--"KING"
STALEY'S CASTLE--HE HAD IT
TRANSPLANTED, STONE BY
STONE, FROM EUROPE!

CORRECT! HA-HA! AND NOW HE'S
BUILDING A BELL TOWER--WHICH
WE'RE GOING TO TURN INTO A
TOWER OF PISA! HA-HA!

AND, A WEEK
LATER, AFTER
A HEAVY
RAIN...

HO-HO! "KING"
STALEY BRAGGED THAT
NO ONE COULD SCALE
HIS WALL AND ROB
HIS CASTLE! BUT HE
DIDN'T BARGAIN ON
THE JOKER--AND HIS
BONER CRIMES!

THAT NIGHT, UNDER COVER OF DARK-
NESS...

HA-HA!
NOW TO DO A
LITTLE UNDER-
MINING WITHOUT
ANYONE BEING THE
WISER! DIG, MEN--
AND SEE HOW THIS
TOWER WILL LEAN
AFTER THE FIRST
RAINSTORM!

YEAH! AND
REMEMBER TO
COVER UP OUR
WORK SO NO ONE
SPOTS THE DIG-
GING! WE'LL
HAUL ALL THE
DIRT AWAY!

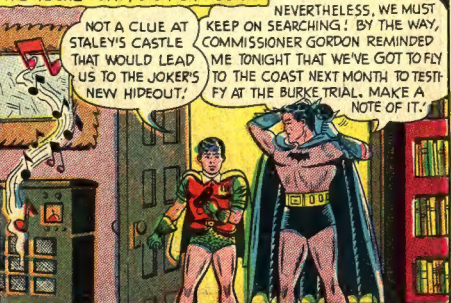
YOU SURE
MADE THE TOWER
LEAN JUST RIGHT,
JOKER! AND THIS ROPE
WILL HELP US GET
OUT THE WAY WE
CAME!



THE NEXT DAY, HEADLINES REPORT THE CRIME COMIC'S LATEST COUP...

JOKER STAGES ANOTHER
"BONER CRIME!"
JOKER CREATES OWN TOWER
OF PISA--TO ROB "KING"
STALEY'S CASTLE
JOKER CLAIMS LAST LAUGH!

MEANWHILE, IN THE HOME OF SOCIALITE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON...



SUDDENLY, A HARSH VOICE DROWNS OUT THE MUSIC ON THE RADIO...

HA-HA! YES-- THIS IS THE JOKER! HOW DO YOU LIKE MY BONER CRIMES, EH? HO-HO! WHO'S LAUGHING NOW?!!

IT'S THE JOKER-- USING HIS POWERFUL TRANSMITTER TO DROWN OUT ALL STATIONS! WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO TRACE HIS SENDING BEAM RIGHT TO HIS HIDEOUT!

MOMENTS LATER, IN THE BAT-CAVE, THE TWO MAN-HUNTERS PUT THEIR DIRECTIONAL FINDER INTO USE...

HA-HA! YES--THERE ARE MORE BONER CRIMES TO COME! BUT MORE IMPORTANT--SOON, BATMAN WILL MAKE THE BONER OF THE YEAR! HA-HA-HA! I--THE JOKER--WILL ARRANGE FOR BATMAN TO BECOME THE LAUGHING-STOCK OF GOTHAM CITY! HA-HA-HO-HO!



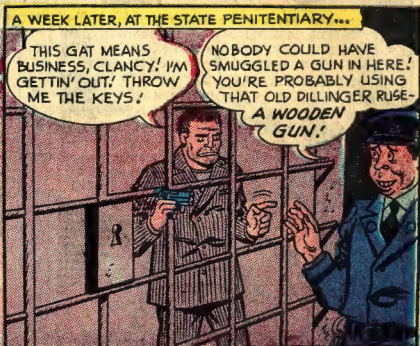
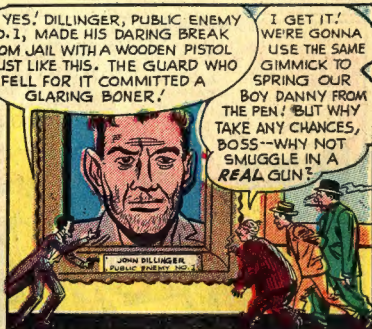
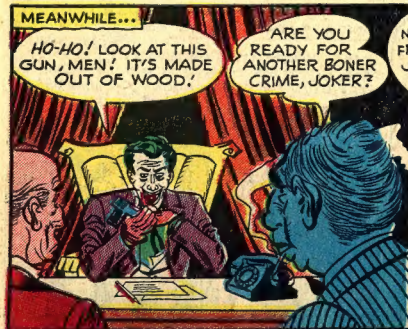
WHAT DOES HE MEAN, BRUCE? HOW CAN HE FORCE YOU INTO A BONER?

I DON'T KNOW. BUT WHATEVER IT IS, IT ISN'T GOOD, THAT'S FOR SURE.

AND LATER...

THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO--WE'VE GOT TO GET TO THE JOKER BEFORE HE CAN GET TO US. LET'S CONTINUE OUR STUDY OF THE GREAT BONERS OF ALL TIME--AND TRY TO GUESS THE JOKER'S NEXT MOVE...





NEXT DAY...

BATMAN--
WE'VE GOT TO STOP THE
JOKER! THOSE BONER CRIMES
ARE MAKING US LOOK BAD,
AND I'M WORRIED ABOUT
THE BONER HE'S READY-
ING FOR YOU!

DON'T WORRY, COM-
MISSIONER! I'VE
ALWAYS BEEN ABLE
TO OUTGUESS THE
JOKER IN THE PAST.
WE'LL CATCH UP
TO HIM SOON!



AND, A FEW DAYS LATER...

DICK, THIS NEW MOVIE, "GREEK VICTORY,"
BEING FILMED HERE--I THINK IT MAY
LEAD US TO THE JOKER! LOOK!

HOW IN
THE WORLD
CAN A
MOVIE
LEAD US TO
THE JOKER?!



THEY'VE BUILT A DUPLICATE
OF THE WOODEN HORSE
OF TROY FOR THE MOVIE!
I THINK THE JOKER WILL
GO FOR THAT! IT
REPRESENTS ONE OF
THE CLASSIC BONERS
OF ALL TIME!

I REMEMBER! THE
GREEKS LEFT IT ON THE
SHORES OF TROY AS A
GIFT! THE TROJANS FELL
FOR IT, MADE THE BONER OF
DRAGGING IT INSIDE THEIR WALLS,
THEN GREEK SOLDIERS, HIDDEN
INSIDE, STOLE OUT AT NIGHT AND
OPENED THE CITY'S GATES! THE
GREEKS STORMED IN--AND
TROY FELL!



AT THAT VERY MOMENT...

HO-HO! YOU MAKE ADMIRABLE
GREEK SOLDIERS, MEN!
AND SOON OUR OWN
LITTLE TROY WILL
FALL!

I DON'T GET
IT, JOKER! WHY
GO TO ALL THIS
TROUBLE TO
SNEAK INSIDE A
WOODEN HORSE?



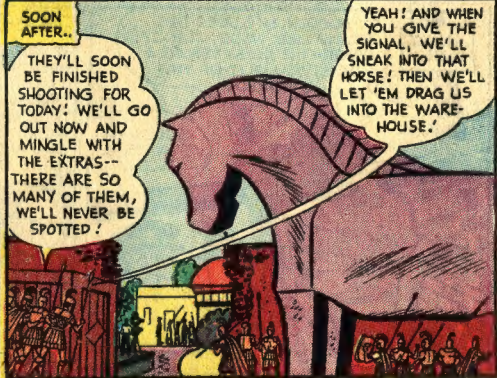
THEY STASH THAT
HORSE AWAY AT
NIGHT IN THE
BIG UNITED
WAREHOUSE!
THERE'S A
FORTUNE IN
FURS IN THAT
WAREHOUSE
THAT I'VE BEEN
EYING FOR A
LONG TIME!

GREAT, JOKER!
THAT WAREHOUSE
IS GUARDED
HEAVILY NIGHT AND
DAY! THIS HORSE
GAG IS TERRIFIC!
WE CAN GET IN,
AND BRING THE
FURS OUT WITHOUT
BEING SEEN!

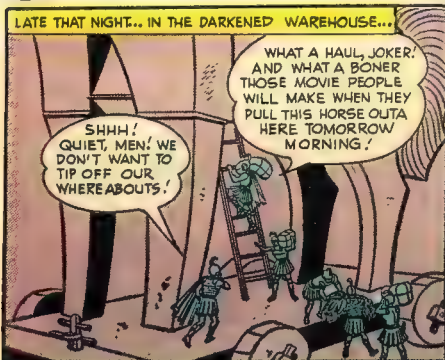
**SOON
AFTER...**

THEY'LL SOON
BE FINISHED
SHOOTING FOR
TODAY! WE'LL GO
OUT NOW AND
MINGLE WITH
THE EXTRAS--
THERE ARE SO
MANY OF THEM,
WE'LL NEVER BE
SPOTTED!

YEAH! AND WHEN
YOU GIVE THE
SIGNAL, WE'LL
SNEAK INTO THAT
HORSE! THEN WE'LL
LET 'EM DRAG US
INTO THE WARE-
HOUSE!



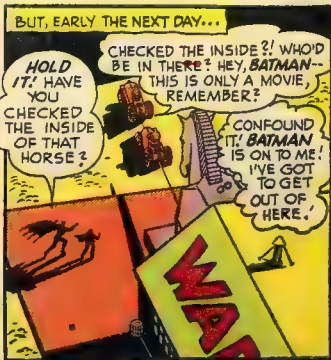
LATE THAT NIGHT... IN THE DARKENED WAREHOUSE...



SHHH!
QUIET, MEN! WE
DON'T WANT TO
TIP OFF OUR
WHEREABOUTS!

WHAT A HAUL, JOKER!
AND WHAT A BONUS
THOSE MOVIE PEOPLE
WILL MAKE WHEN THEY
PULL THIS HORSE OUT
HERE TOMORROW
MORNING!

BUT, EARLY THE NEXT DAY...

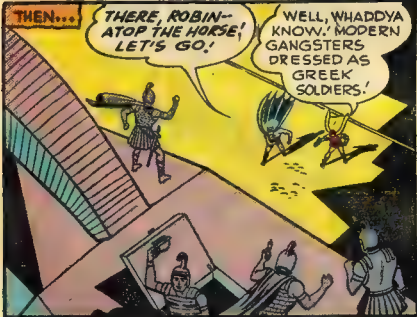


HOLD
IT! HAVE
YOU
CHECKED
THE INSIDE
OF THAT
HORSE?

CHECKED THE INSIDE?! WHO'D
BE IN THERE? HEY, BATMAN--
THIS IS ONLY A MOVIE,
REMEMBER?

CONFOUND
IT! BATMAN
IS ON TO ME!
I'VE GOT
TO GET
OUT OF
HERE!

THEN...



THERE, ROBIN--
ATOP THE HORSE!
LET'S GO!

WELL, WHADDYA
KNOW! MODERN
GANGSTERS
DRESSED AS
GREEK
SOLDIERS!



THE GREEKS HAD
A WORD FOR IT,
JOKER-- FINISHED!
AND I MEAN YOU!

ATTACK!
WE'VE GOT 'EM
OUTNUMBERED--
UGH...!

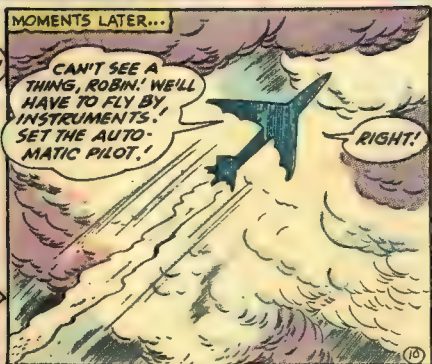
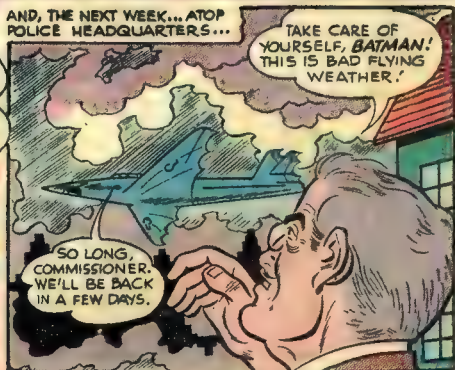
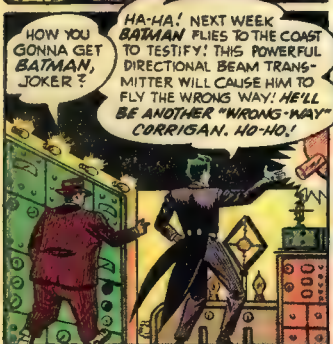
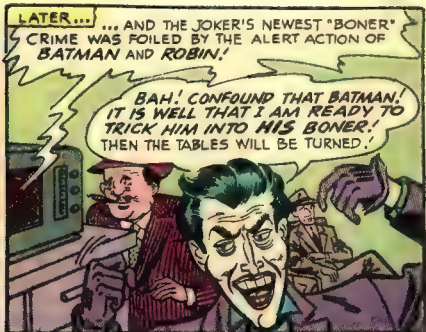
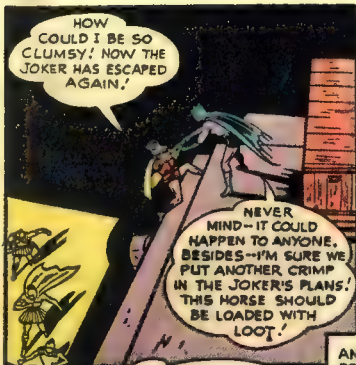


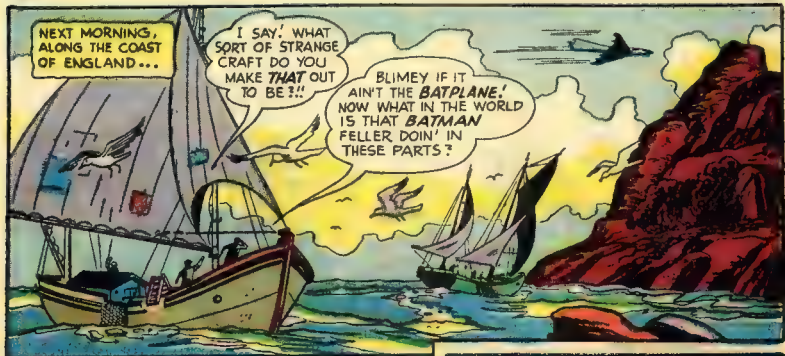
THEN, A BAD
BREAK, AS
ROBIN'S FOOT
HITS A SPOT
OF GREASE...



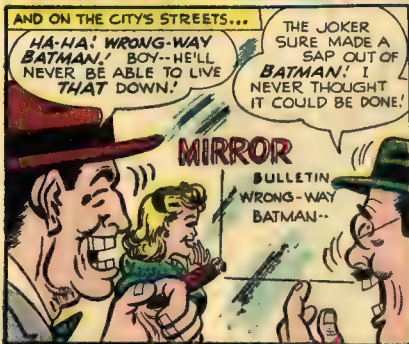
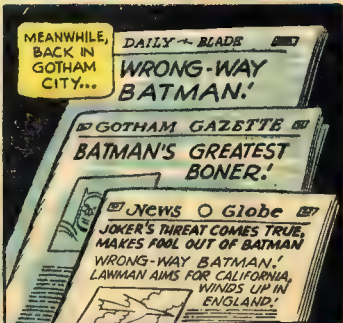
HOLD
ON! I'M
COMING!

BATMAN!
GREASE--I
LOST MY
FOOTING!





AND, WHEN THE *BATPLANE* FINALLY LANDS NEAR LONDON...



NEXT DAY, AS THE **BATPLANE** RETURNS TO GOTHAM CITY AND ALIGHTS ATOP POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

BATMAN--THE GOTHAM BLADE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR *YOUR* VERSION OF THE STORY. HAVE YOU GOT ANYTHING TO SAY?

SORRY, BOYS--BUT I'VE GOT TO SEE COM-MISSIONER GORDON RIGHT AWAY!

HUH? WHAT COULD HE SAY? HE'S THROUGH, I TELL YOU--HE'S BECOME A NATIONAL JOKE!



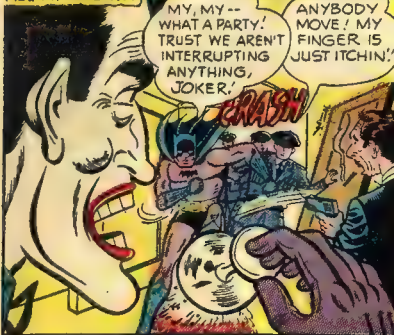
MEANWHILE, A GALA CELEBRATION IS BEING HELD IN THE **JOKER'S** HIDEOUT...

HEAR! HEAR!

HO-HO! I DRINK TO THE **END OF BATMAN!** HA-HA! **WRONG-WAY BATMAN**--I STILL CAN'T GET OVER IT!



ALL AT ONCE...

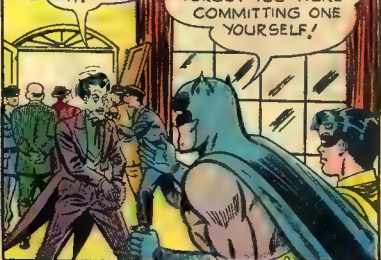


MY, MY-- WHAT A PARTY! TRUST WE AREN'T INTERRUPTING ANYTHING, **JOKER!**

DON'T ANYBODY MOVE! MY FINGER IS JUST ITCHIN'!

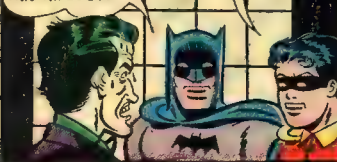
BUT HOW DID YOU FIND MY NEW HIDE-OUT? I TOOK SUCH PAINS TO CONCEAL IT!

YOU COMMITTED A **BONER**, **JOKER!** YOU WERE SO BUSY FORCING **ME** INTO A **BONER**, YOU FORGOT YOU WERE COMMITTING ONE YOURSELF!



WE KNEW YOU WERE TRANSMITTING THAT DIRECTIONAL BEAM THAT FORCED US OFF OUR COURSE! BY USING **OUR** DIRECTIONAL FINDER, WE WERE ABLE TO PIN-POINT ITS SOURCE--**THIS HIDEOUT!**

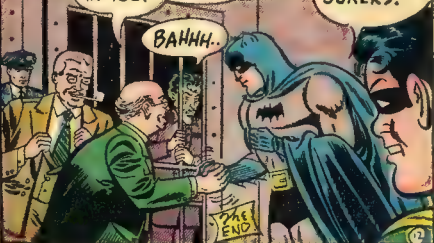
ACTUALLY, THE **BATPLANE** COULD HAVE SHAKEN OFF THAT BEAM. THE ONLY REASON WE FLEW ALL THE WAY TO ENGLAND WAS THAT WE NEEDED THE TIME AND A SERIES OF READINGS TO PLOT THE DIRECTION OF YOUR BEAM!



NEXT DAY, AT THE CITY JAIL...

OUR CITY--AND INDEED, OUR NATION--OWE YOU AN APOLOGY, **BATMAN!** ACTUALLY, THEY COMMITTED THE GREATEST **BONER** OF ALL-- BY LOSING FAITH IN YOU!

THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. LET'S HOPE WE'VE THE LAST OF THINGS LIKE **BONERS**--AND **JOKERS!**



BAHHH...

THE END

the "POPSICLE" KIDS in NEVADA BAD LANDS

TESS AND TIM HELP STAKE A CLAIM

IF I LEAVE THIS GOLD STRIKE, THE BLACK GANG WILL JUMP MY CLAIM

NOW CLOSE THE TOP--THE COMPASS WILL GUIDE US!

NO CLAIM PAPERS ON 'EM, BLACKIE

LET 'EM GO--WE'LL GRAB THE CLAIM!

WRITE YOUR CLAIM PAPERS SMALL--I'LL HIDE 'EM IN MY BOOT RING'S SECRET CHAMBER!

THEY MISSED THE CLAIM PAPERS, HERE, READ 'EM WITH THE MAGNIFYING GLASS OF MY BOOT RING!

THAT CLAIM'S SAFE--NOW WE'LL GET THAT GANG!

KIDS, YOU SAVED MY RICHEST STRIKE!

THANKS TO MY "POPSICLE" BOOT RING!

JAIL'S TOO GOOD FOR YOU!

YOUR BOOT RING SURE SAVED THE DAY, TIM!

I'M SENDING FOR MY BOOT RING RIGHT NOW!

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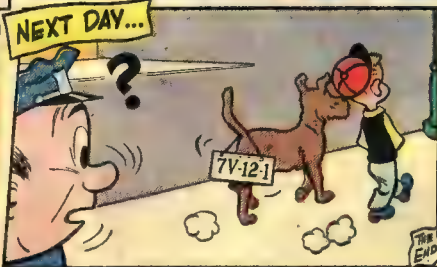
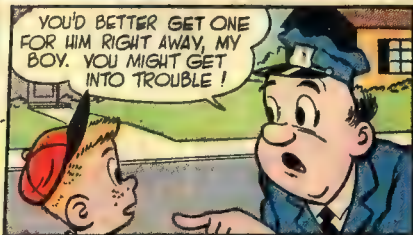
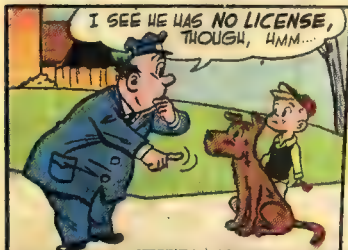
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2 1/4" SIZE)



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BATMAN

WITH

ROBIN

WONDER-

ONE BY ONE, THEY MET THEIR DOOM--THE MOST BRILLIANT STARS IN HOLLYWOOD'S GLITTERING GALAXY--EACH DESTROYED BY THE VERY SAME FATE WHICH THEY ENACTED ON THE SCREEN! HOW DID IT HAPPEN? WAS IT MERE COINCIDENCE--OR WAS THERE SOME SINISTER FORCE BEHIND THIS STARTLING TERROR? THE ANSWER WILL AMAZE YOU, JUST AS IT DID *BATMAN* AND *ROBIN* WHEN THEY, TOO, BECAME LISTED AMONG...

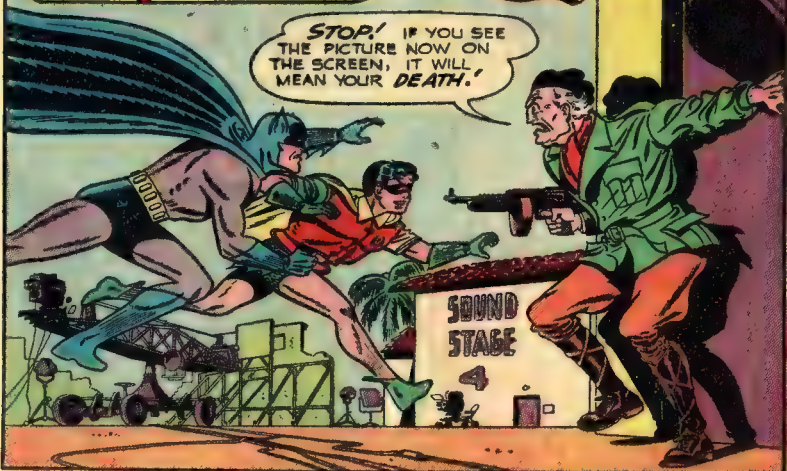
**"THE
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WHO DIED!
TWICE!"**

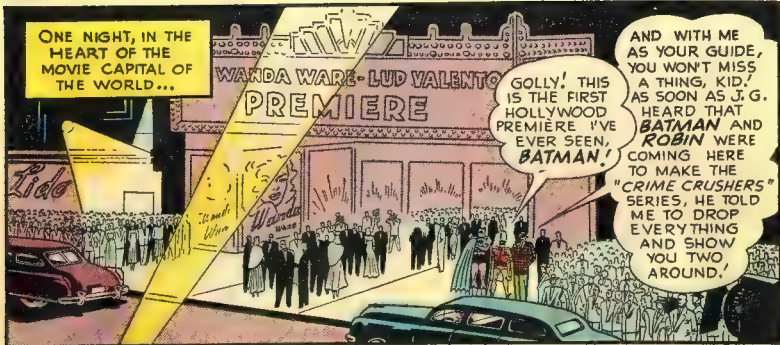
BOB KANE

PRIVATE
SCREENING
ROOM

STOP! IF YOU SEE
THE PICTURE NOW ON
THE SCREEN, IT WILL
MEAN YOUR DEATH!

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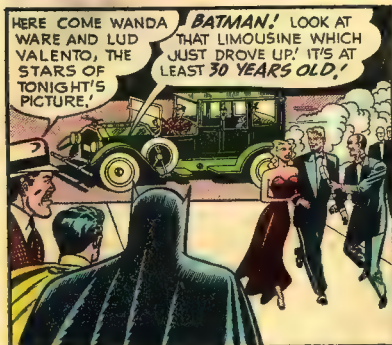


ONE NIGHT, IN THE
HEART OF THE
MOVIE CAPITAL OF
THE WORLD...

WANDA WARE-LUD VALENTO
PREMIERE

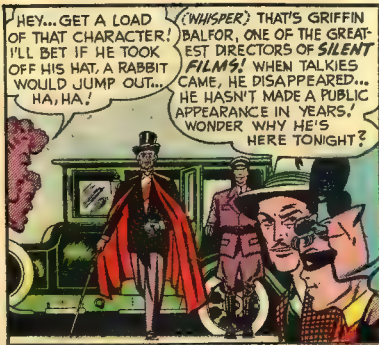
GOLLY! THIS
IS THE FIRST
HOLLYWOOD
PREMIERE I'VE
EVER SEEN,
BATMAN!

AND WITH ME
AS YOUR GUIDE,
YOU WON'T MISS
A THING, KID!
AS SOON AS J. G.
HEARD THAT
BATMAN AND
ROBIN WERE
COMING HERE
TO MAKE THE
"CRIME CRUSHERS"
SERIES, HE TOLD
ME TO DROP
EVERYTHING
AND SHOW
YOU TWO
AROUND.



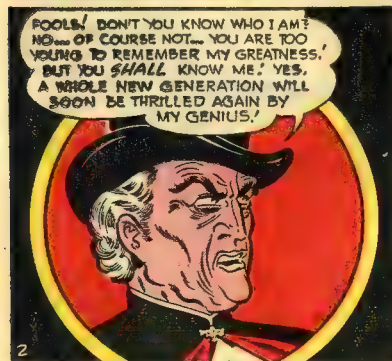
HERE COME WANDA
WARE AND LUD
VALENTO, THE
STARS OF
TONIGHT'S
PICTURE.

BATMAN! LOOK AT
THAT LIMOUSINE WHICH
JUST DROVE UP! IT'S AT
LEAST 30 YEARS OLD!

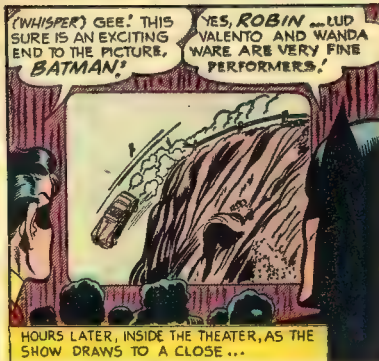


HEY... GET A LOAD
OF THAT CHARACTER!
I'LL BET IF HE TOOK
OFF HIS HAT, A RABBIT
WOULD JUMP OUT...
HA, HA!

(WHISPER) THAT'S GRIFFIN
BALFOR, ONE OF THE GREAT-
EST DIRECTORS OF **SILENT**
FILMS! WHEN TALKIES
CAME, HE DISAPPEARED...
HE HASN'T MADE A PUBLIC
APPEARANCE IN YEARS!
WONDER WHY HE'S
HERE TONIGHT?



POOLS! DON'T YOU KNOW WHO I AM?
NO... OF COURSE NOT... YOU ARE TOO
YOUNG TO REMEMBER MY GREATNESS!
BUT YOU **SHALL** KNOW ME! YES,
A WHOLE NEW GENERATION WILL
SOON BE THRILLED AGAIN BY
MY GENIUS.



(WHISPER) GEE! THIS
SURE IS AN EXCITING
END TO THE PICTURE.
BATMAN!

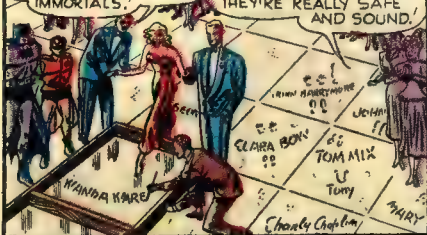
YES, **ROBIN**... LUD
VALENTO AND WANDA
WARE ARE VERY FINE
PERFORMERS.

HOURS LATER, INSIDE THE THEATER, AS THE
SHOW DRAWS TO A CLOSE...

THEN, AS A THRILLED AUDIENCE GATHERS OUTSIDE ONCE AGAIN...

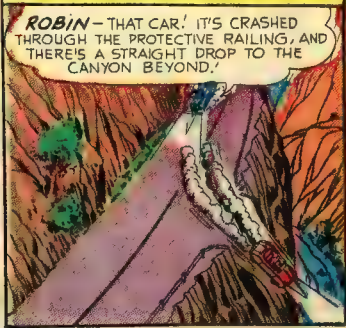
AFTER THE GREAT PERFORMANCES YOU TWO GAVE IN THE PICTURE, YOU DESERVE TO HAVE YOUR FOOTPRINTS JOIN THOSE OF FILMLAND'S IMMORTALS.'

GOSH! IT SURE WAS EXCITING WHEN WANDA AND LUD WERE KILLED IN THAT AUTO CRASH AT THE END! I'M GLAD IT WAS ONLY A MOVIE AND THEY'RE REALLY SAFE AND SOUND!



BUT SOON AFTER, AS **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** DRIVE HOME, **TRAGEDY** STRIKES UNEXPECTEDLY.'

ROBIN - THAT CAR! IT'S CRASHED THROUGH THE PROTECTIVE RAILING, AND THERE'S A STRAIGHT DROP TO THE CANYON BEYOND.'



LEAPING FROM THEIR SPEEDING **BATMOBILE**, THE **DYNAMIC DUO** CAREENS INTO ACTION...

WE'RE TOO LATE, **ROBIN**! THE GASOLINE TANK EXPLODED

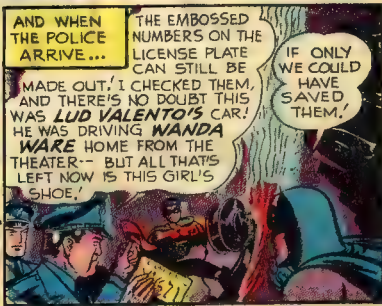


AND WHEN THE POLICE ARRIVE...

THE EMBOSSED NUMBERS ON THE LICENSE PLATE CAN STILL BE

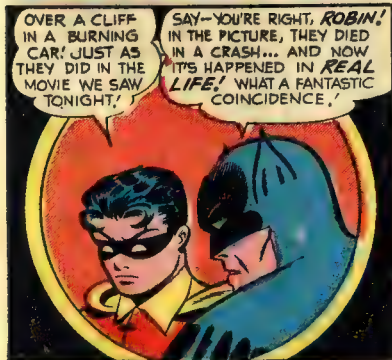
MADE OUT. I CHECKED THEM, AND THERE'S NO DOUBT THIS WAS **LUD VALENTINO'S** CAR! HE WAS DRIVING **WANDA WARE** HOME FROM THE THEATER - BUT ALL THAT'S LEFT NOW IS THIS GIRL'S SHOE.'

IF ONLY WE COULD HAVE SAVED THEM.'



OVER A CLIFF IN A BURNING CAR! JUST AS THEY DID IN THE MOVIE WE SAW TONIGHT!

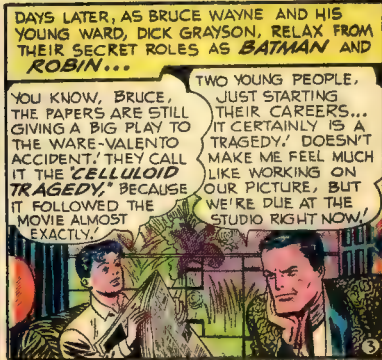
SAY--YOU'RE RIGHT, **ROBIN**! IN THE PICTURE, THEY DIED IN A CRASH... AND NOW IT'S HAPPENED IN **REAL LIFE**! WHAT A FANTASTIC COINCIDENCE.'



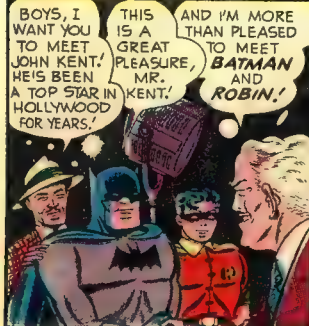
DAYS LATER, AS **BRUCE WAYNE** AND HIS **YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON**, RELAX FROM THEIR SECRET ROLES AS **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**...

YOU KNOW, **BRUCE**, THE PAPERS ARE STILL GIVING A BIG PLAY TO THE **WARE-VALENTINO** ACCIDENT! THEY CALL IT THE '**CELLULOID TRAGEDY**,' BECAUSE IT FOLLOWED THE MOVIE ALMOST EXACTLY.'

TWO YOUNG PEOPLE, JUST STARTING THEIR CAREERS... IT CERTAINLY IS A TRAGEDY! DOESN'T MAKE ME FEEL MUCH LIKE WORKING ON OUR PICTURE, BUT WE'RE DUE AT THE STUDIO RIGHT NOW!

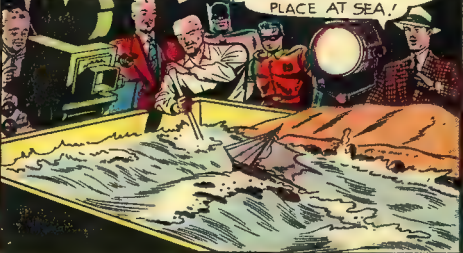


PRESENTLY, AT THE STUDIO...

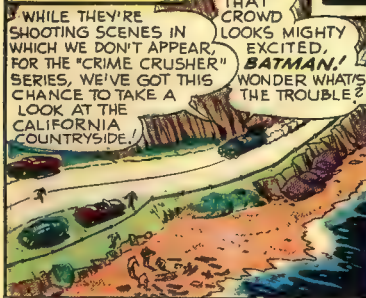


SEE THAT TANK? AT THE MOMENT, THEY'RE STIRRING UP A "STORM" IN IT SUFFICIENT TO SINK THAT MODEL SAILBOAT. THAT'S HOW MY LATEST PICTURE ENDS... I'M DROWNED WHILE OUT SAILING.

LATER, THEY'LL SHOOT CLOSE-UPS OF JOHN "DROWNING" IN THE TANK, AND ALTERNATE THEM WITH THESE LONG SHOTS OF THE "SINKING SHIP"! ON THE SCREEN, THE WHOLE SCENE WILL APPEAR TO BE TAKING PLACE AT SEA!

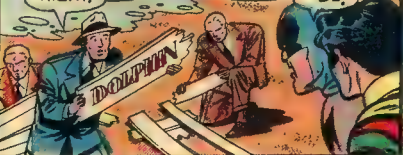


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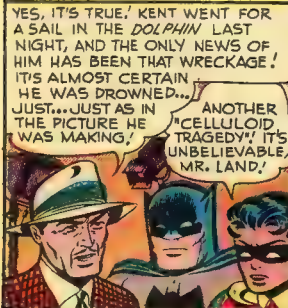


IT'S THE WRECKAGE OF THE **DOLPHIN**. THAT'S THE NAME OF THE ACTOR JOHN KENT'S SAILBOAT! AND I SAW HIM SAIL FROM THE NORTH WHARF LAST NIGHT!

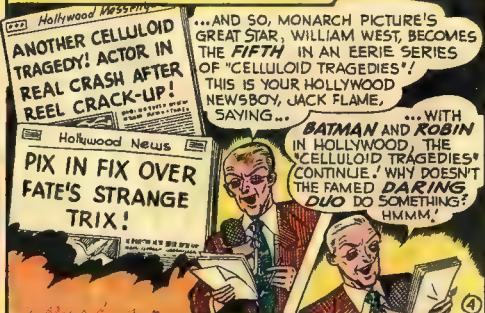
(WHISPER) **JOHN KENT**! HE JUST FINISHED A MOVIE IN WHICH HE WAS DROWNED IN A SAILBOAT! **BATMAN**, YOU DON'T SUPPOSE... NO, IT CAN'T BE!



SHORTLY AFTERWARD, AT THE STUDIO...



AND IN THE DAYS WHICH FOLLOW, MORE TERROR STRIKES AT THE MECCA OF MAKE-BELIEVE...



AND ONE DAY, IN THE STUDIO'S PRIVATE PROJECTION ROOM...

I ARRANGED THIS PRIVATE SCREENING OF THE STUDIO'S NEWEST PICTURES, **ROBIN**. SO THAT WE CAN CHECK ON ACTORS WHO MEET VIOLENT DEATHS IN THEIR CURRENT MOVIES.

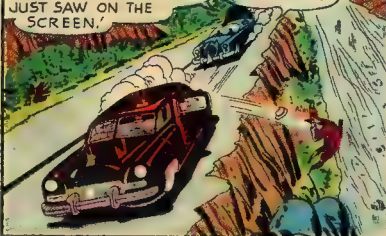
THIS ONE STARS BARRY LOGAN AS A GANGSTER. THERE HE IS, BEING 'TAKEN FOR A RIDE,' IN THE FINAL SCENE.



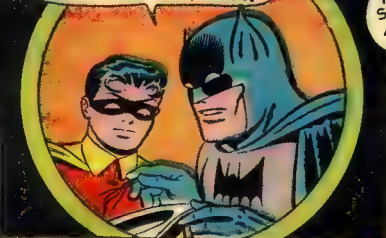
MOMENTS LATER...

HE'S BEING TOSSED OUT OF THE CAR! IT'S A RE-ENACTMENT OF THE "RIDE" SCENE, WHICH WE JUST SAW ON THE SCREEN.

ANOTHER **CELLULOID TRAGEDY!** BUT THIS TIME, WE KNOW IT'S NOT AN ACCIDENT.



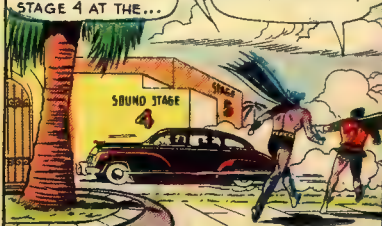
THE STRANDS OF HAIR IN THIS HAT ARE NOT FROM A HUMAN HEAD... THEY'RE HORSE HAIR! THAT FIGURE WE SAW TOSSED INTO THE RIVER MUST'VE BEEN A **DUMMY!** LOOKS LIKE WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF INVESTIGATING TO DO, **ROBIN!**



PRESENTLY...

IT'S A LONG SHOT, BUT WE MAY FIND OUT SOMETHING IF WE KEEP A CLOSE WATCH ON LOGAN. HE'S WORKING ON STAGE 4 AT THE...

BATMAN - LOOK! THAT BLACK SEDAN RACING OUT THE MAIN GATE... **BARRY LOGAN** IS INSIDE, AND HE DOESN'T LOOK HAPPY ABOUT IT!



WE MAY BE TOO LATE, **BATMAN!** THE CURRENT IN THAT RIVER IS SO SWIFT, IT'S ALREADY DRAGGED LOGAN 100 YARDS DOWNSTREAM.

WAIT, **ROBIN!** THERE'S NO ONE IN THAT RIVER FOR US TO SAVE.



THAT NIGHT...

I GOT THIS SHOE FROM THE POLICE... IT'S THE ONE THEY FOUND AFTER THE WARE-VALENTINO CRASH! IT'S WANDA'S SHOE, ALL RIGHT, BUT THE PRINT IN THE CEMENT SHOWS SHE WAS WEARING **EVENING PUMPS** THAT NIGHT... AND THIS IS A **DAYTIME SHOE!**

AND SHE GOT IN THE CAR IMMEDIATELY AFTER MAKING THIS PRINT. WHAT DOES IT MEAN, **BATMAN?**



THINK, **ROBIN!** IN EVERY "CELLULOID TRAGEDY," THE BODIES OF THE VICTIMS HAVE BEEN **MISSING!** THERE'S NO PROOF THAT THEY ACTUALLY **DIED!** EVERYONE ASSUMED THEY WERE KILLED, BECAUSE THE TRAGEDIES DUPLICATED **FICTIONAL** ONES. THEN IF THE STARS AREN'T DEAD, WHERE ARE THEY? AND WHY DID THEY PRETEND TO DIE?



A GALAXY OF FAMOUS HOLLYWOOD STARS **GONE...** THEIR MOTIVES FOR THIS MONSTROUS CHARADE **UNKNOWN!** WHERE ARE THEY NOW? WHY DID THEY DO IT? TO FIND OUT, WE MUST GO TO AN ALMOST INACCESSIBLE VALLEY NESTLED BETWEEN MAMMOTH SNOW-CAPPED MOUNTAINS...



I AM BALFOR--
GRIFFIN BALFOR--
AND I HAVE PICKED YOU
FOR THE HONOR OF WORKING
IN THE FIRST PICTURE TO BE
DIRECTED BY ME
IN 20
YEARS!

... AND FROM THE FACES WE
RECOGNIZE THERE, IT MIGHT
ALMOST BE A **VALLEY OF**
GHOSTS!!

I'VE BEEN HERE ALMOST
A WEEK NOW, AND NOTHING'S
HAPPENED! WHY DO
YOU SUPPOSE THEY'RE
KEEPING US,
VALENTO?

WISH I KNEW,
KENT. WANDA
AND I WERE
THE FIRST TO
BE BROUGHT
HERE... RIGHT

AFTER THE
PREMIERE OF
OUR PICTURE.

LOOK!
THAT
MAN... I'VE
SEEN HIM
SOMEWHERE
BEFORE...
WHO IS HE?



NO STUDIO WOULD ALLOW ME TO MAKE A
PICTURE ON THEIR LOT, NOR PERMIT ME TO
USE THEIR STARS, SO I
HAD YOU BROUGHT HERE.
SINCE THE WORLD THINKS
YOU ARE DEAD, NOBODY WILL
COME SEARCHING FOR YOU--
AND ONCE THE PICTURE IS
FINISHED, YOU MAY
LEAVE!



YOU ARE ALL STARS, AND YOU WILL BE
TREATED AS STARS-- SO LONG AS YOU DO
NOT TRY TO ESCAPE! IF YOU DO, MY
FRIEND WITH THE GUN, HERE, WILL
MAKE SURE YOU REMAIN--
DEAD OR ALIVE! DO I MAKE
MYSELF CLEAR?



LATER, AS THE MAD DIRECTOR BEGINS HIS WEIRD PROJECT...

MY OLD CAMERAMAN, MAX FLOWER, THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS STUCK BY ME THROUGH THE YEARS, WILL SHOOT THE PICTURE! KENT, YOU WILL ENTER AND FIND WANDA WITH LOGAN.

BUT WE HAVEN'T ANY SCRIPT! HOW CAN WE LEARN OUR LINES?

LINES? THEY ARE FOR THE FOOLS WHO MAKE PICTURES TODAY! WHEN BALFOR MAKES A **MOVING** PICTURE, THE ACTORS **MOVE...** THEY DON'T RECITE STUPID LINES!

READY, CHIEF!

ACTION! CAMERA! THAT'S RIGHT, KENT... GRAB FOR HIS THROAT... YOU'RE ANGRY! WANDA, YOU'RE TERROR-STRICKEN! GREAT! GREAT!

AND THAT NIGHT, IN A LUXURIOUS TRAILER...

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF TODAY'S SHOTS, CHIEF?

SENSATIONAL, MAX! EVEN 20 YEARS HAVE NOT DULLED THE BALFOR GENIUS!

WHILE OUTSIDE THE TRAILER OF ONE OF THE CAPTIVE STARS...

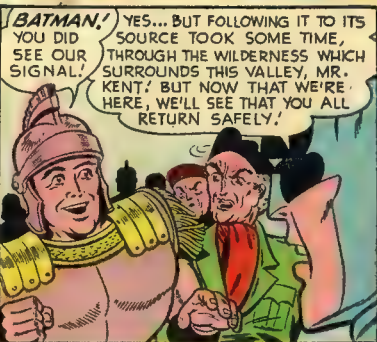
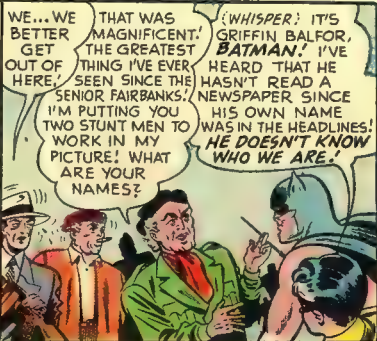
I'M HOPING **BATMAN** IS STILL IN HOLLYWOOD... AND IF HE IS, HE MAY SPOT THIS **BAT-SIGNAL** WHICH I IMPROVISED FROM AN ARC LAMP!

NICE GOING, KENT... BUT WE CAN ONLY LEAVE IT ON FOR A SECOND! AS IT IS, THAT MADMAN BALFOR OR ONE OF HIS GUARDS, MAY SPOT IT!

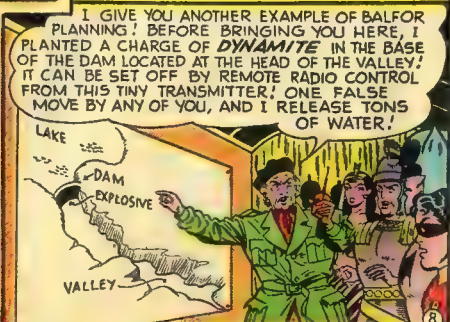
NEXT DAY...

THIS IS THE BIG SCENE IN THE PICTURE, MAX--THE SCENE WHICH WILL PUT THE NAME OF **GRIFFIN BALFOR** BACK ON EVERY THEATER MARQUEE IN THE WORLD!

BUT AS THE CAMERAS START GRINDING, TWO AWESOME ACTORS SUDDENLY MAKE AN UNSCHEDULED ENTRANCE...



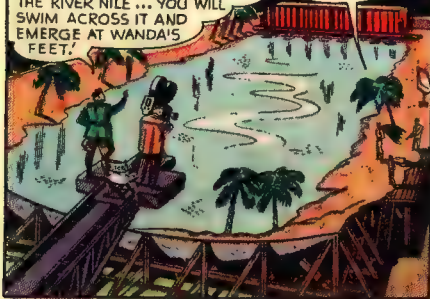
AND AT BALFOR'S LAVISH TRAILER...



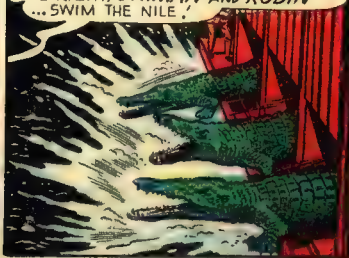
AND SO, DURING THE DAYS WHICH FOLLOW...

I'M CHANGING THE STORY TO INCLUDE YOU TWO, **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**! THIS REPRESENTS THE RIVER NILE ... YOU WILL SWIM ACROSS IT AND EMERGE AT WANDA'S FEET.

THAT SEEMS SIMPLE ENOUGH!

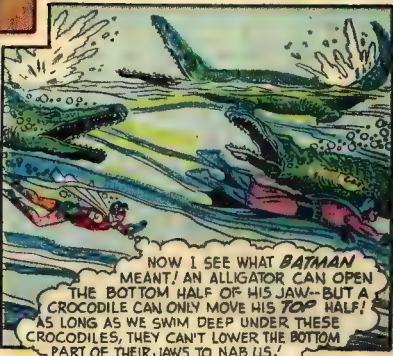
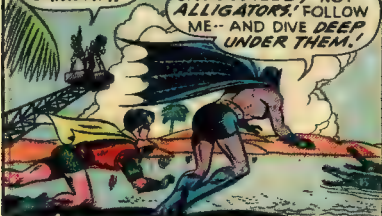


AN ORDINARY SCENE... BUT WITH THE **BALFOR TOUCH**, IT BECOMES A **MASTERPIECE OF REALISM**! RELEASE THE **LIVE CROCODILES**! ALL RIGHT, **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** ... SWIM THE NILE!



AND DON'T HESITATE --OR I PRESS THIS BUTTON AND RELEASE A FLOOD OF DEATH! **ACTION!** **CAMERA!**

WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO DIVE IN, **ROBIN**! LUCKY THESE ARE **CROCODILES**, NOT **ALLIGATORS**. FOLLOW ME-- AND DIVE DEEP UNDER THEM!



NOW I SEE WHAT **BATMAN** MEANT! AN ALLIGATOR CAN OPEN THE BOTTOM HALF OF HIS JAW-- BUT A CROCODILE CAN ONLY MOVE HIS **TOP** HALF! AS LONG AS WE SWIM DEEP UNDER THESE CROCODILES, THEY CAN'T LOWER THE BOTTOM PART OF THEIR JAWS TO NAB US!

THAT EVENING, AFTER A GRUELLING DAY BEFORE THE CAMERAS...

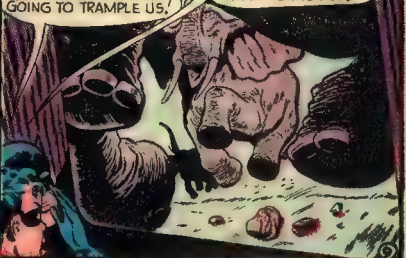
TONIGHT, I SHALL SELECT ANOTHER FILM FROM THE **LIBRARY OF BALFOR MASTERPIECES**!

(WHISPER) HE'S BEEN MAKING US WATCH HIS OLD MOVIES EACH NIGHT SINCE WE'VE BEEN HERE. HE HAS PRINTS OF EVERY PICTURE HE EVER MADE, AND HE'S DETERMINED WE SEE THEM ALL!



(WHISPER) GOLLY, **BATMAN**... **BALFOR** CERTAINLY WAS A MASTER OF REALISM! YOU'D THINK THAT HERD OF ELEPHANTS WAS GOING TO TRAMPLE US!

(WHISPER) YOU'RE RIGHT, **ROBIN**... AND THAT **REALISM** HAS JUST GIVEN ME AN IDEA IF I CAN FIND THE RIGHT FILM IN HIS LIBRARY!



LATER, WHILE EVERYONE SLEEPS...

IF WE STEP TOO CLOSE TO THAT FENCE, BALFOR WILL SPOT US AND BLOW UP THE DAM! HE KEEPS A CONSTANT VIGIL FROM THAT TOWER!

YET, IF HE KEEPS ON DRIVING THE ACTORS THE WAY HE HAS BEEN, THEY'LL SOON COLLAPSE WITH SERIOUS HARM TO THEIR HEALTH!



THAT'S TRUE, **BATMAN**, BUT WHAT CAN WE DO? BY TRYING TO ESCAPE, WE'D RISK HAVING EVERYONE DROWNED!

I'VE GOT AN IDEA, **ROBIN**! IT'S A LONG SHOT, BUT IT MAY WORK! FIRST, WE MUST COLLECT THE SHEETS FROM THE BEDS IN EVERY TRAILER!



SHEETS? WHAT IS **BATMAN** GOING TO DO WITH THEM? CAN YOU GUESS?

SOON, AFTER, IN THE INKY DARKNESS BEFORE DAWN...

{WHISPER} HERE'S THE LAST BATCH... I GOT THEM FROM KENT'S AND LOGAN'S TRAILERS!

{WHISPER} NICE GOING... WE MUST WORK FAST NOW TO BE READY BEFORE THE SUN RISES!



MINUTES LATER, IN BALFOR'S TRAILER...

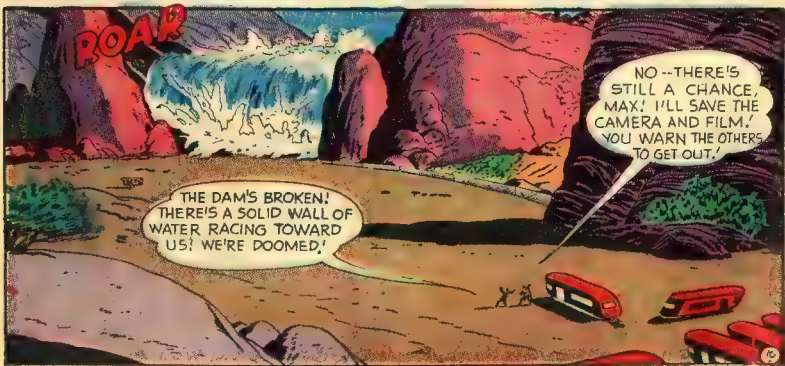
MAX! MAX! QUICK! COME WITH ME! SOMETHING TERRIBLE HAS HAPPENED!



ROAR

THE DAM'S BROKEN! THERE'S A SOLID WALL OF WATER RACING TOWARD US! WE'RE DOOMED!

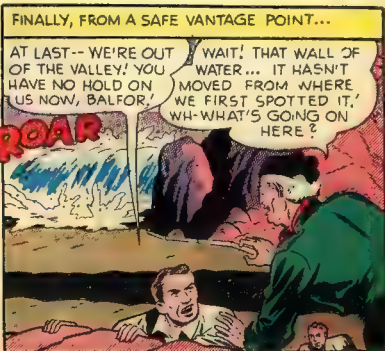
NO --THERE'S STILL A CHANCE, MAX! I'LL SAVE THE CAMERA AND FILM! YOU WARN THE OTHERS TO GET OUT!





SOON...

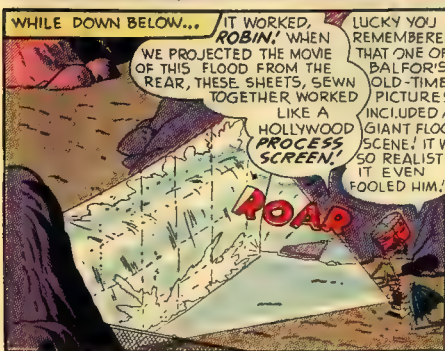
ALL RIGHT--
I'VE SAVED THE
FILM! THAT'S ALL
THAT MATTERS!



FINALLY, FROM A SAFE VANTAGE POINT...

AT LAST-- WE'RE OUT
OF THE VALLEY! YOU
HAVE NO HOLD ON
US NOW, BALFOR!

WAIT! THAT WALL OF
WATER... IT HASN'T
MOVED FROM WHERE
WE FIRST SPOTTED IT,
WH-WHAT'S GOING ON
HERE?



WHILE DOWN BELOW...

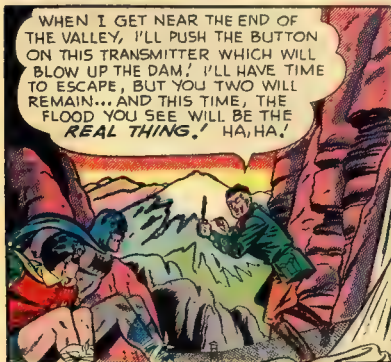
IT WORKED,
ROBIN! WHEN
WE PROJECTED THE
MOVE OF THIS
FLOOD FROM THE
REAR, THESE
SHEETS, SEWN
TOGETHER
WORKED LIKE
A HOLLYWOOD
PROCESS
SCREEN!

LUCKY YOU
REMEMBERED
THAT ONE OF
BALFOR'S
OLD-TIME
PICTURES
INCLUDED A
GIANT FLOOD
SCENE! IT WAS
SO REALISTIC,
IT EVEN
FOOLED HIM!

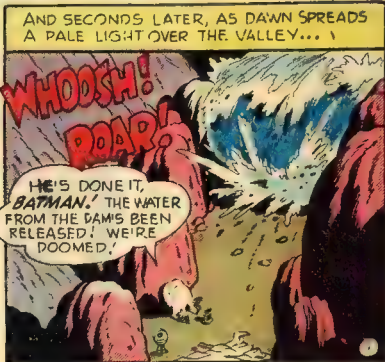


EVEN THOUGH
BALFOR'S
PICTURE IS
SILENT, THE
**WIND
MACHINE**
MAKES A
ROAR LIKE
A REAL...

SO YOU FOOLED
ME, DID YOU? WELL,
YOU WON'T SUCCEED...
YOU WON'T RUIN MY
CHANCE TO SHOW
HOLLYWOOD THAT
I AM STILL THE
WORLD'S GREATEST
DIRECTOR!



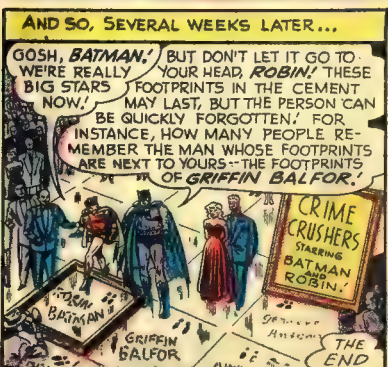
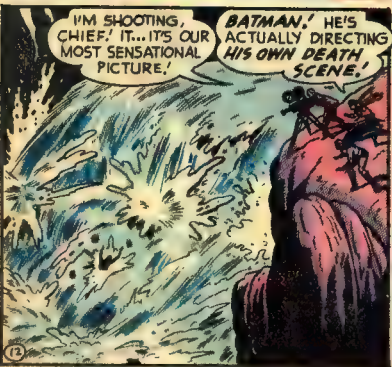
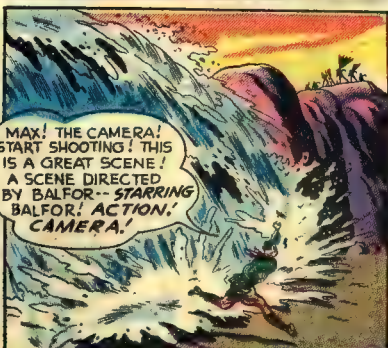
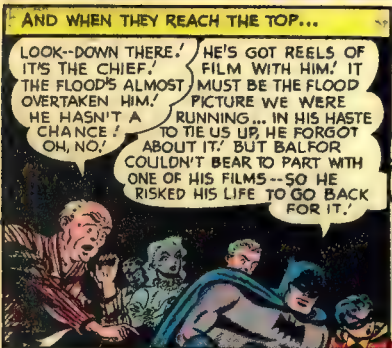
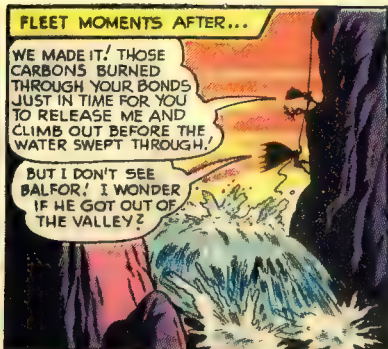
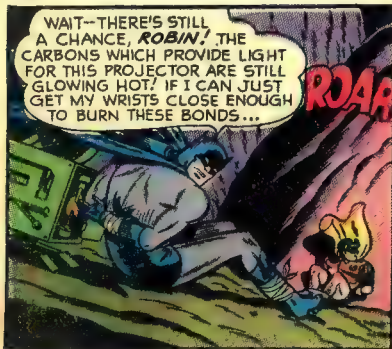
WHEN I GET NEAR THE
END OF THE VALLEY,
I'LL PUSH THE
BUTTON ON THIS
TRANSMITTER
WHICH WILL
BLOW UP THE
DAM! I'LL HAVE
TIME TO
ESCAPE, BUT
YOU TWO WILL
REMAIN... AND
THIS TIME,
THE FLOOD
YOU SEE WILL
BE THE
REAL THING. HA, HA!

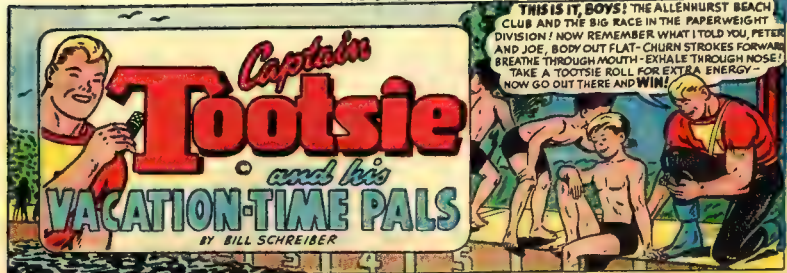


AND SECONDS LATER, AS DAWN SPREADS
A PALE LIGHT OVER THE VALLEY...

**WHOOOSH!
ROAR!**

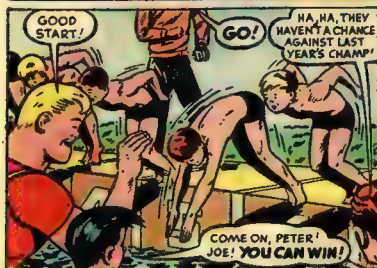
HE'S DONE IT,
BATMAN! THE WATER
FROM THE DAMS BEEN
RELEASED! WE'RE
DOOMED!





Captain Tootsie
and his
VACATION-TIME PALS
BY BILL SCHREIBER

THIS IS IT, BOYS! THE ALLENHURST BEACH CLUB AND THE BIG RACE IN THE PAPERWEIGHT DIVISION! NOW REMEMBER WHAT I TOLD YOU, PETER AND JOE, BODY OUT FLAT - CHURN STROKES FORWARD - BREATHE THROUGH MOUTH - EXHALE THROUGH NOSE! TAKE A TOOTSIE ROLL FOR EXTRA ENERGY - NOW GO OUT THERE AND WIN!

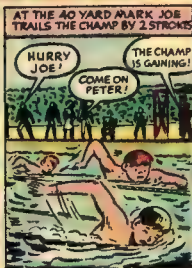


GOOD START!

GO!

HA, HA, THEY HAVEN'T A CHANCE AGAINST LAST YEAR'S CHAMP!

COME ON, PETER! JOE! YOU CAN WIN!

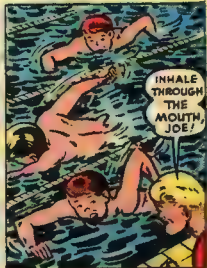


AT THE 40 YARD MARK JOE TRAILS THE CHAMP BY 2 STROKES

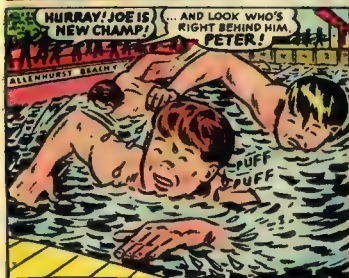
HURRY JOE!

COME ON PETER!

THE CHAMP IS GAINING!



INHALE THROUGH THE MOUTH, JOE!



HURRAY! JOE IS NEW CHAMP!

... AND LOOK WHO'S RIGHT BEHIND HIM, PETER!

PUFF PUFF



WELL DONE, BOYS! I AM PROUD OF YOU!

YOU TAUGHT US HOW, CAPTAIN TOOTSIE!



CAPTAIN TOOTSIE, YOU SURE TOOK ME BY SURPRISE! I THOUGHT YOUR BOYS HAD NO CHANCE... AND HERE THEY COME IN ONE, TWO! CONGRATULATIONS, FELLOWS!

TOOTSIE ROLLS... AND PLENTY OF PRACTISE, AND MORE PRACTISE DID THE TRICK! NEXT TRAINING SESSION TOMORROW AT TEN - WILL YOU ALL BE THERE?

YOU BET WE WILL!



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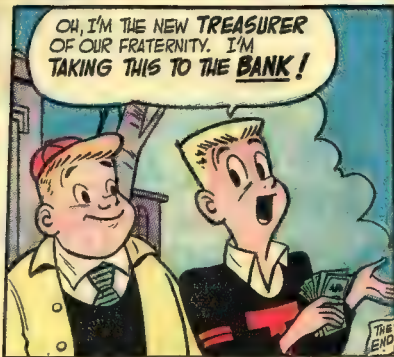
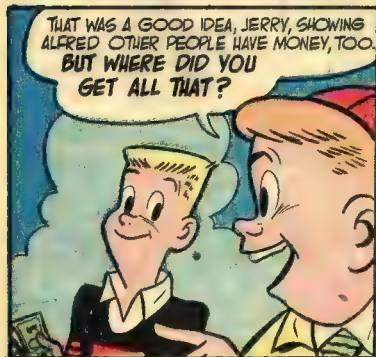
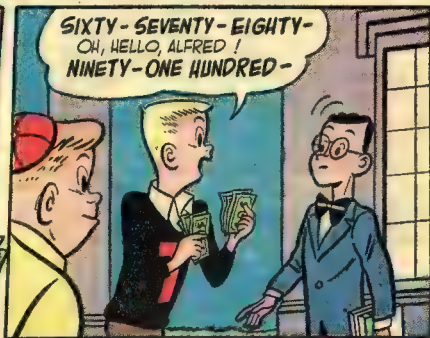
Tootsie POPS 2¢ each

JERRY

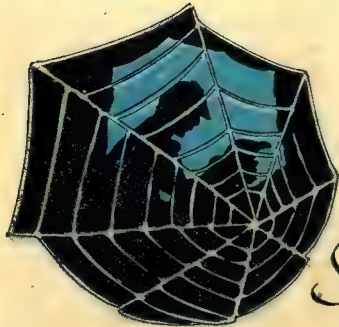
THE JITTERBUG

DAVE
BARTHOLOMEW

HERE COMES ALFRED. HE'S SUCH A BORE--ALWAYS LETTING US KNOW HOW MUCH MONEY HE AND HIS FAMILY HAVE!



THE
END



Script Sleuths

THERE are many mysteries in the world, and not all of them are criminal. There are likewise, many kinds of detectives; and not the least among them are historians, scientists, and explorers.

Of particular interest are the manuscript sleuths, men whose main goal is to trace the origin of literature. These men are scholars who are primarily concerned with such problems as who originated King Arthur and his Knights? Where did the story of Romeo and Juliet come from?

The exact sources, authors and original manuscripts in many cases have been lost, but names and stories have lived through the centuries. Did you ever wonder how old some of these stories really are, or who wrote them?

Scholars have to solve these mysteries much in the same fashion as the criminal detective. They trace paper, old files and court records, inks, types of print and so on. Often, these searches take them through many countries, across oceans on exciting adventures.

These men must know the techniques of forgery and be able to detect them. They must have an exact knowledge of facts, so they can judge whether their conclusions are possible or not.

Fires, dampness, and so forth have often destroyed files, records, manuscripts and memoranda from the past. Where then do we get our facts about literature and history?

We can thank these script sleuths who investigate even the smallest bit of information. Most of them are teachers. They delve into history to unearth information which adds greatly to the world's knowledge.

One investigation which was particularly fascinating was the discovery of James Boswell's papers. James Boswell lived in England from 1740 to 1795 and is famed as the biographer of the English writer, Samuel Johnson. However, many scholars have long believed that Boswell wrote other things which could never be found.

In Boswell's will, there was a provision concerning a cabinet which con-

tained his letters, diary and journal. He asked three friends to go through these papers and publish what they saw fit. However, during their lifetime nothing was printed. Boswell's descendants were not proud of him, since his reputation had been anything but savory. His heirs were more than willing to let sleeping dogs lie, less more of his exploits be made public to scandalize the family.

Finally, in the 1840's an English traveler in France made a purchase which was wrapped in letters signed by James Boswell. Fortunately, this man realized their value and his find started scholars investigating the possibility of other material. However, Boswell's family would not admit that there were any papers in the cabinet or anywhere else.

Later in the 1920's, a Yale University professor was finally allowed to look into the cabinet at Malahide Castle in Ireland, the home of Boswell's heir, Lord Talbot. He saw the lost papers, and at last scholars knew that the papers did exist and had not been destroyed as the Boswell family had led people to believe.

More papers were discovered in Scotland, and finally, after 20 years, they were all collected and the family permitted them to be published. So almost two centuries after Boswell's death, his many writings are just now coming before the public. Thus ended a truly fabulous mystery.

These scholars, such as in the Boswell case, experience adventures in their hunts that are as exciting as any

detective tracking down an elusive criminal. There are many blocks in the path of historical research; there are always contradictions, obscurities, and actually lost periods of time. Also, there were people who falsified, distorted, forged and even destroyed records.

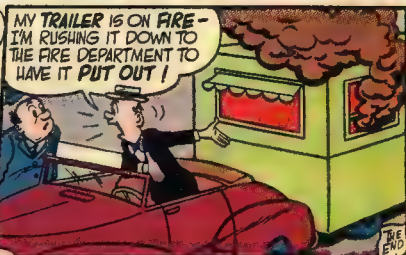
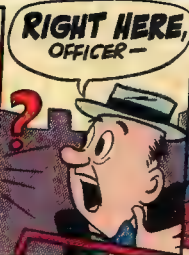
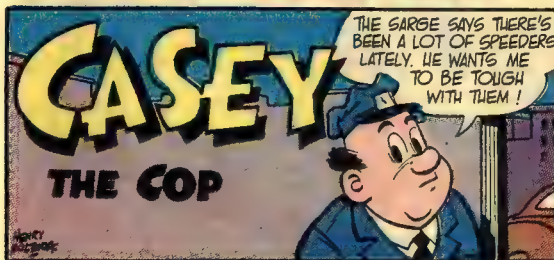
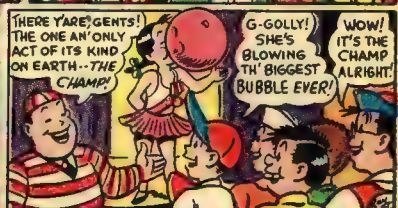
Another story of equal fascination is the one about Sir Thomas Mallory who wrote a story about King Arthur. The tradition of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table is probably more than 800 years old. The first English edition of the book came out in 1485 called *Morte Darthur* by Sir Thomas Mallory.

Mallory was supposed to have translated it from the French. And that is all anyone knew about Mallory or the book. We knew nothing about him until about 50 years ago. Now, it is known that Mallory wrote his book while in prison. In fact, he spent much of his life in or jail or another for many crimes.

Isn't it odd that such a man would record the stories of chivalry and good deeds when he himself was dishonest? But the mystery of Mallory was indeed a strange one, for it took centuries of investigation before scholars knew anything about the author of *Morte Darthur* except his name.

And so these literary detectives go on from one generation to another, attempting to authenticate works of art, so that the history of literature, the authors, and literature itself will be much clearer and more exciting for modern readers.

—B. Fairbanks



NO FOOLING!



THE ROUGHEST, TOUGHEST RODEO OF THEM ALL IS PUT ON DOWN IN HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS, EACH FALL BY CONVICTS OF THE STATE PENITENTIARY. AFTER ALL, WHAT DOES A MAN SERVING A LIFE SENTENCE HAVE TO LOSE?



THERE IS NO REGARD FOR PERSONAL SAFETY. INSTEAD OF A WILD-COW MILKING CONTEST, THESE BOYS GO THE OTHER RODEOS ONE BETTER AND STAGE A WILD-MARE MILKING CONTEST.

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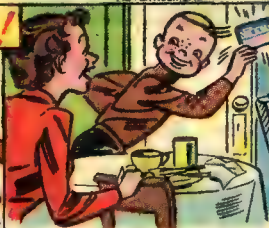


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BATMAN

AND
ROBIN
- THE BOY WONDER -

SOME DAY, **BATMAN'S** MUSCLES WILL BE TIRED. SOME DAY, **BATMAN** WILL BE OLD, AND THEN **BATMAN WILL AND MUST RETIRE!** IT IS ONLY LOGICAL THEN THAT **ROBIN**, A BOY NO LONGER, WOULD BECOME **BATMAN'S** SUCCESSOR... **BATMANII** THAT WILL BE AN EVENTFUL DAY... AND WE'RE GOING TO SHOW THAT DAY TO YOU RIGHT NOW!

MORE THAN THAT, YOU'LL MEET THE **SON** OF DICK GRAYSON, THE MAN... A SON WHO WILL INHERIT THE GARB OF HIS PARENT SO THAT TOGETHER THEY FORM THE FATHER-SON TEAM OF...

"BATMANII and ROBIN, JUNIOR!"

YOU
SENT FOR US,
POLICE
COMMISSIONER
BATMAN?

YES!
WE NEED THE HELP
OF **BATMANII**
AND **ROBIN,**
JUNIOR!

BOB
KANE



BATMAN



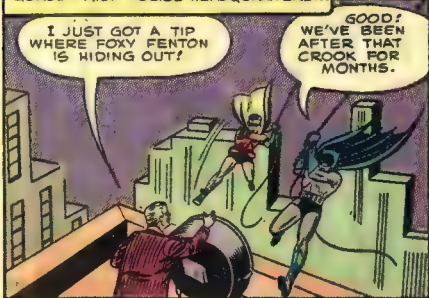
ONCE AGAIN THAT EERIE BEAM OF LIGHT, THE **BAT-SIGNAL** FLASHES ACROSS THE SKYLINE OF GOTHAM CITY TO SUMMON BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON, INTO FIGHTING RAIMENT...



WE'RE BEING PAGED AGAIN!

COME ON, DICK... INTO YOUR ACTION CLOTHES!

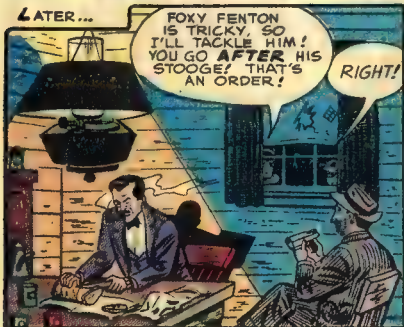
GLAD AS THE WORLD-FAMED TEAM OF **BATMAN AND ROBIN**, THE **BOY WONDER**, THE **DUO** IS GREETED BY POLICE COMMISSIONER, GORDON ATOP POLICE HEADQUARTERS...



I JUST GOT A TIP WHERE FOXY FENTON IS HIDING OUT!

GOOD! WE'VE BEEN AFTER THAT CROOK FOR MONTHS.

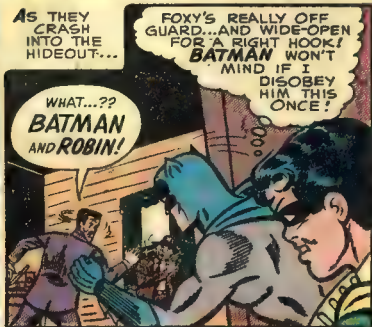
LATER...



FOXY FENTON IS TRICKY, SO I'LL TACKLE HIM! YOU GO **AFTER** HIS STOOGES! THAT'S AN ORDER!

RIGHT!

AS THEY CRASH INTO THE HIDEOUT...



WHAT...?? **BATMAN AND ROBIN!**

FOXY'S REALLY OFF GUARD...AND WIDE-OPEN FOR A RIGHT HOOK! **BATMAN** WON'T MIND IF I DISOBEY HIM THIS ONCE!

BUT AS **ROBIN** DARTS FORWARD... SUDDENLY!



OW!

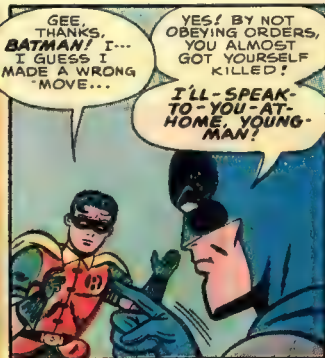
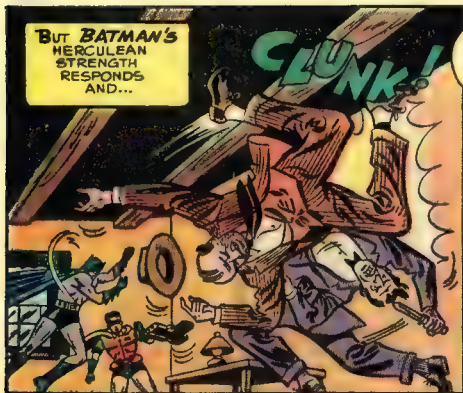
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SAP!

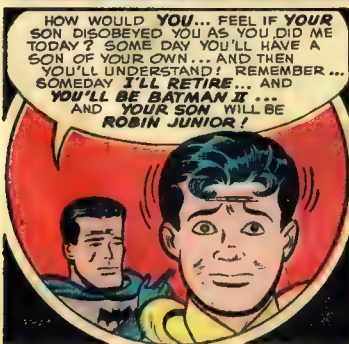
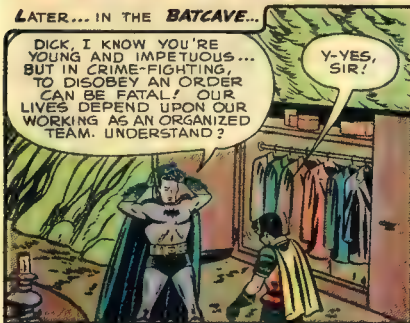
ROBIN! THAT RECKLESS KID HAS GOTTEN HIMSELF INTO TROUBLE!



IN JUST ONE MINUTE, IT'LL BE **TWO** AGAINST **BATMAN!**

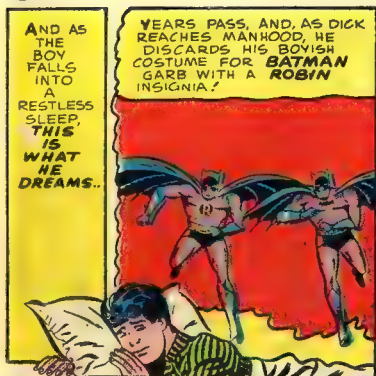


LATER... IN THE BATCAVE...



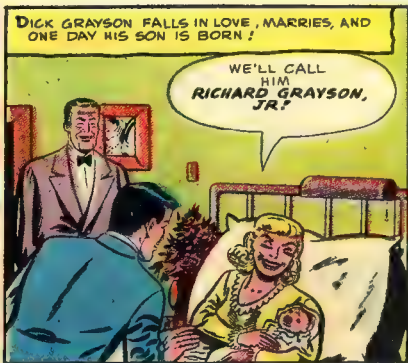
LATER, THOSE WORDS REMAIN WITH DICK GRAYSON, AND IN HIS TROUBLED THOUGHTS, HE SEEMS TO HEAR THEM OVER AND OVER AGAIN...





AND AS THE BOY FALLS INTO A RESTLESS SLEEP, THIS IS WHAT HE DREAMS..

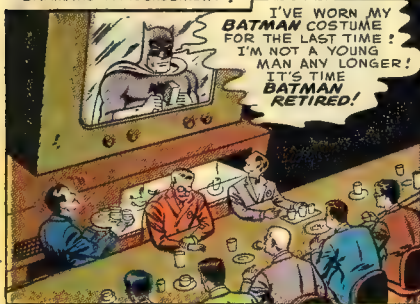
YEARS PASS, AND, AS DICK REACHES MANHOOD, HE DISCARDS HIS BOYISH COSTUME FOR **BATMAN** GARB WITH A **ROBIN** INSIGNIA!



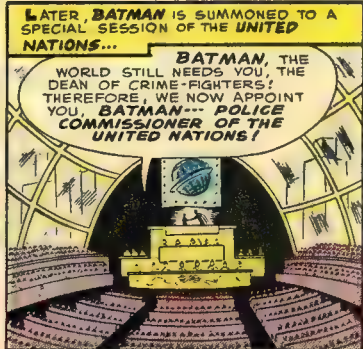
DICK GRAYSON FALLS IN LOVE, MARRIES, AND ONE DAY HIS SON IS BORN!

WE'LL CALL HIM **RICHARD GRAYSON, JR.**

TIME MARCHES ON, AND IN THE YEAR 1975, THE GREAT **BATMAN** STUNS THE WORLD WITH A DRAMATIC ANNOUNCEMENT!

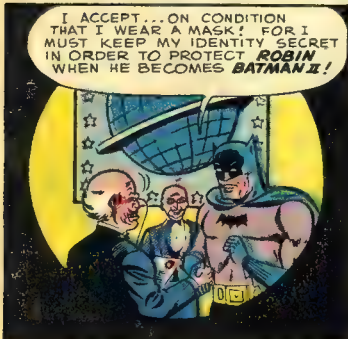


I'VE WORN MY **BATMAN** COSTUME FOR THE LAST TIME! I'M NOT A YOUNG MAN ANY LONGER! IT'S TIME **BATMAN** RETIRED!

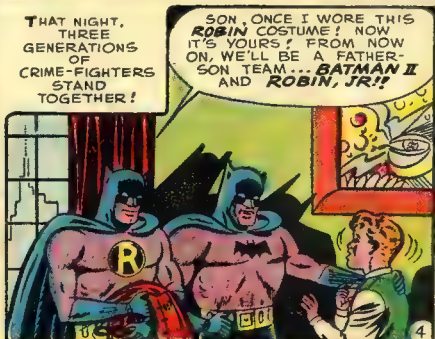


LATER, **BATMAN** IS SUMMONED TO A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS...

BATMAN, THE WORLD STILL NEEDS YOU, THE DEAN OF CRIME-FIGHTERS! THEREFORE, WE NOW APPOINT YOU, **BATMAN**... **POLICE COMMISSIONER OF THE UNITED NATIONS!**

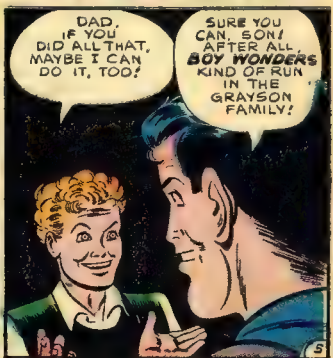
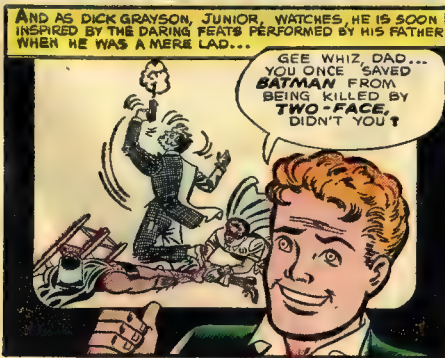
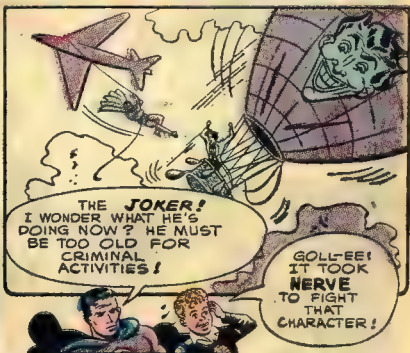
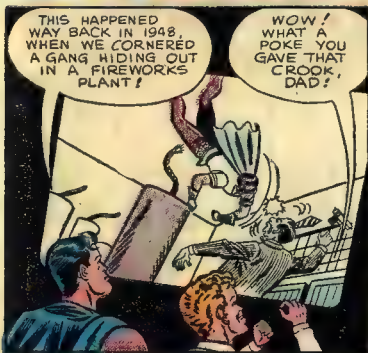
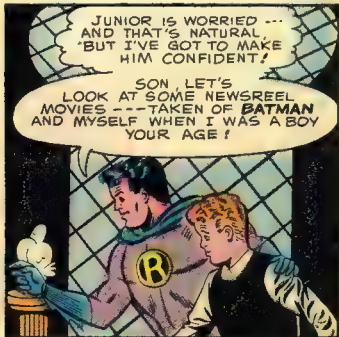


I ACCEPT...ON CONDITION THAT I WEAR A MASK! FOR I MUST KEEP MY IDENTITY SECRET IN ORDER TO PROTECT **ROBIN** WHEN HE BECOMES **BATMAN II**!



THAT NIGHT, THREE GENERATIONS OF CRIME-FIGHTERS STAND TOGETHER!

SON, ONCE I WORE THIS **ROBIN** COSTUME! NOW IT'S YOURS! FROM NOW ON, WE'LL BE A FATHER-SON TEAM... **BATMAN II** AND **ROBIN, JR.**!



AND SO, FOR THE SECOND TIME IN HISTORY, A DICK GRAYSON BEGINS TRAINING FOR THE EXACTING ROLE OF A **BOY WONDER!**

NOW THAT I'VE LEARNED **JUDO**, YOU'D BETTER NOT TRY SPANKING ME, DAD!

HA! HA!

THAT WAS A FIRST-RATE CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF THAT POISON, SON! YOU'RE DOING FINE!

I GUESS I'M JUST A CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK, EH, DAD?

THEN ONE NIGHT... A PENCIL OF LIGHT ETCHES AN AWESOME EMBLEM IN THE SKY...

THE **BAT-SIGNAL!** POLICE COMMISSIONER BATMAN IS PAGING US!

INTO YOUR ACTION GARB, SON... **BATMAN II** AND **ROBIN JR.** ARE GOING ON THEIR FIRST ASSIGNMENT TOGETHER!

AND AS IN THE DAYS OF OLD, TWO DYNAMIC FIGURES ONCE AGAIN FLIT OVER GOTHAM CITY'S CHANGING SKYLINE...

ONCE I USED TO ANSWER THE **BAT-SIGNAL** CALL WITH BRUCE WAYNE... NOW I'M DOING IT WITH MY OWN SON! I'M A PROUD FATHER TONIGHT!

SOON AFTER... ON THE ROOFTOP OF INTERNATIONAL POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

WHAT'S UP, BRUCE?

POLICE CHIEFS ALL OVER THE WORLD HAVE NOTIFIED ME THAT BANDITS HAVE BEEN HIJACKING THE STOCK-PILES OF ELEMENT X! YOUR JOB IS TO FIND OUT **NOW** AND **WHY?**

ONE PLACE THE BANDITS HAVEN'T HIT YET IS **SCIENCE CITY**. SO I SUGGEST YOU BRIEF OUR SCIENTISTS THERE! GOOD LUCK, YOU TWO... I WISH I WERE YOUNG ENOUGH TO BE IN UNIFORM AGAIN!

CORNERED IN THE CORRAL!

ANOTHER JIM WISE "P-F" ADVENTURE STORY

IT HAPPENED AT A WYOMING RODEO...

WATTS A CLOWN DOIN' IN THIS CORRAL?

THAT'S CODY, THE RODEO CLOWN. WATCH HIM GET THOSE STEERS AWAY FROM THE COWBOYS!

FELLAS, MEET CODY!

GOSH, THAT'S MIGHTY DANGEROUS! YA GOTTA BE FAST ON YOUR FEET, HUH?

TELL TOM ABOUT "P-F", MR. WISE

JIM WISE TELLS WHY "P-F" CANVAS SHOES HELP YOU GO FULL SPEED LONGER!

1. THE ALL-IMPORTANT "P-F" RIGID WEDGE HELPS KEEP THE 3 MAIN SUPPORTING BONES OF THE NORMAL FOOT IN PROPER POSITION.



2. SPONGE RUBBER CUSHION

*TRADE MARK

"P-F" MEANS POSTURE FOUNDATION

THAT KID WILL BE KILLED!

I'LL GET HER!

QUICK! INTO THE BARREL!



RIGHT FAST MOVIN', SON!

MIGHTY FAST THINKIN', TOO!

GOOD THING I HAD "P-F'S" ON. THEY SURE HELPED ME GO FULL SPEED!

GOOD ADVICE FROM JIM WISE:

GET YOUR "P-F"

CANVAS SHOES TODAY AND SEE FOR YOURSELF HOW THEY HELP:

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Message to Parents



WHAT TO DO IF POLIO COMES YOUR WAY

Keep children with their own friends. Keep them away from people they have not been with right along, especially in close, daily living. Many people have polio infection without showing signs of sickness. Without knowing it, they can pass the infection on to others.

Try not to get over-tired by work, hard play or travel. If you already have the polio infection in your body, being very tired may bring on serious polio.

Keep from getting chilled. Don't bathe or swim too long in cold water. Take off wet clothes at once. Chilling can lessen your body's protection against polio.

Keep clean. Wash hands carefully before eating and always after using the toilet. Hands may carry polio infection into the body through the mouth. Also keep food clean and covered.

WATCH FOR EARLY SIGNS OF SICKNESS

Polio starts in different ways—with headache, sore throat, upset stomach or fever. Persons coming down with polio may also feel nervous, cross or dizzy. They may have trouble in swallowing or breathing. Often there is a stiff neck and back.

ACTION QUICKLY—CALL YOUR DOCTOR AT ONCE

Until he comes, keep the patient quiet and in bed, away from others.

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LATER, THE SLEEK **BATMOBILE** TEARS OVER THE MODERN HIGHWAY RAMP...

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WE'RE HERE! THE PROFESSOR IN CHARGE OF THE PROJECT IS WAITING FOR US IN HIS OFFICE!

AN HOUR PASSES... THEN, IN THE STORE-ROOM WHERE FOOD SUPPLIES ARE STOCKED FOR THE SCIENCE CITY CAFETERIA...

WE GOT OURSELVES SMUGGLED IN NEATLY INSIDE THESE DUMMY CRATES! NOW... GET YOUR GAS PELLETS READY!

CREAK

CREAK

SCREE

IN THE PROJECTS CONSULTATION ROOM, THE EMERGENCY TELE-SCREEN FLASHES ON...

GREAT SCOTT! THE BANDITS ARE HERE ALREADY!

LET'S GET AFTER THEM!

ONE OF THEM HAS THE CASE CONTAINING **ELEMENT X** IN ITS CONCENTRATED POWDER FORM! LOOK... THEY'RE HEADING FOR THAT PLANE!

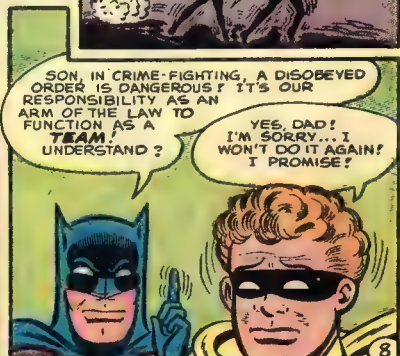
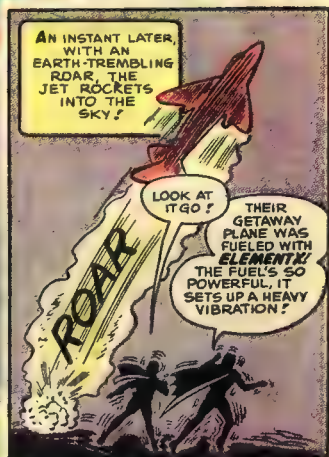
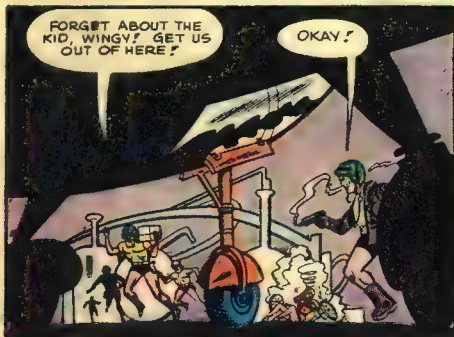
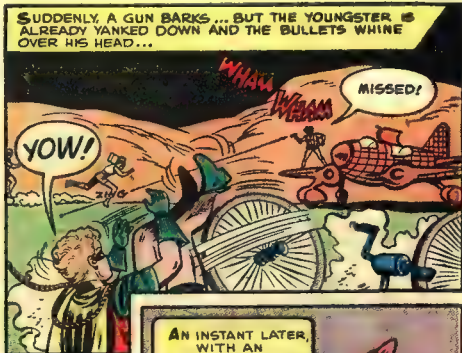
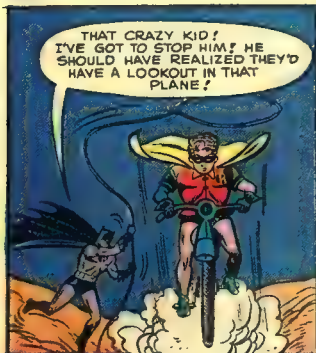
OUR ONLY CHANCE IS TO RAM THE **BATMOBILE** INTO THE PLANE BEFORE IT CAN TAKE OFF COMPLETELY!

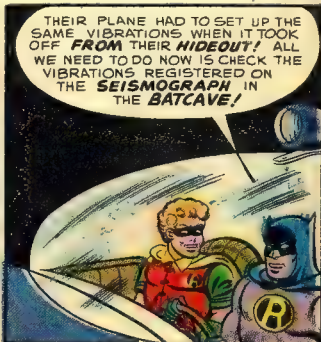
FOLLOW ME, ROBIN!

BUT AS THE CRIME-FIGHTERS REACH THE GROUNDS, **ROBIN** VAULTS ONTO A MESSENGER BOY'S BICYCLE CLOSE BY...

THOSE BANDITS CAN'T OUTFRAN A BIKE! I CAN REACH THE PLANE FIRST AND STOP THEM FROM BOARDING IT!

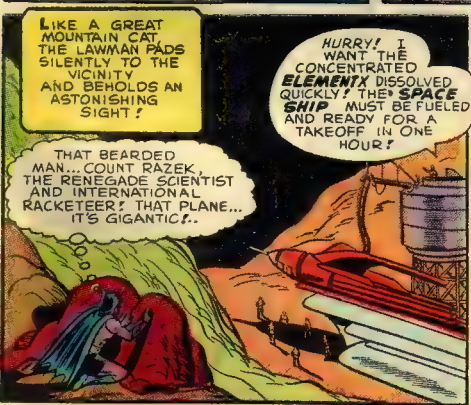
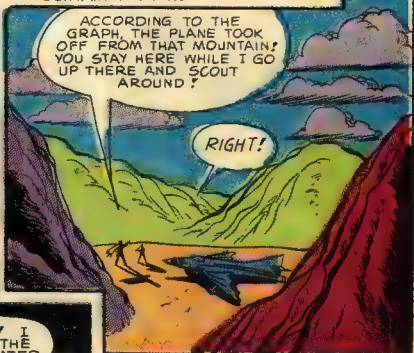
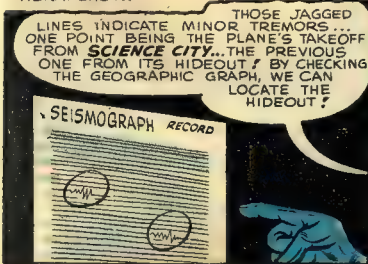
ROBIN! STOP! STOP!

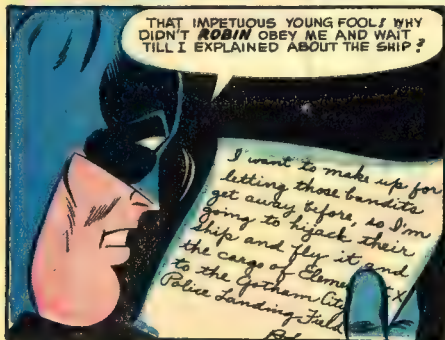
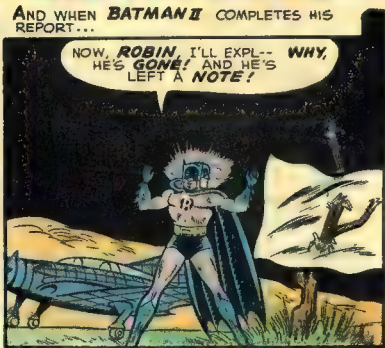
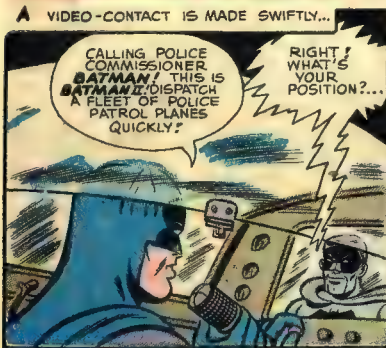
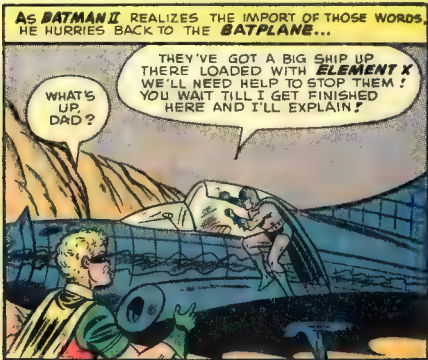


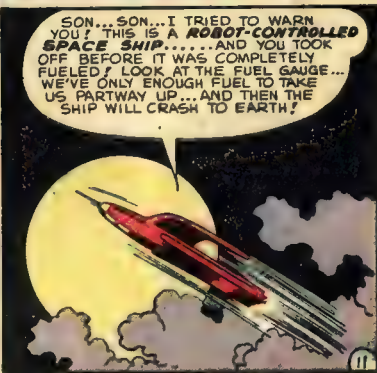
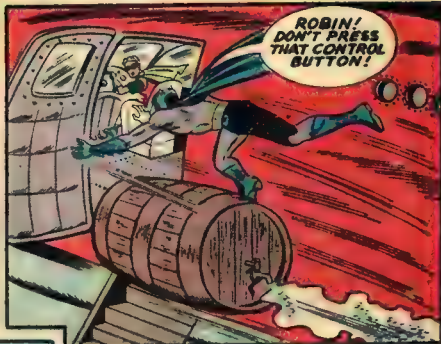
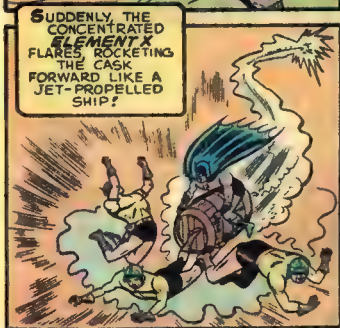
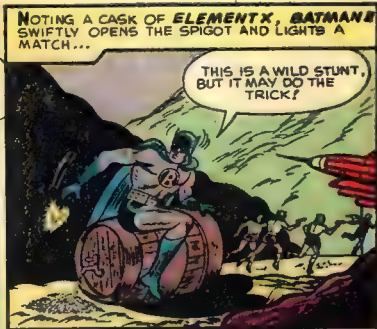
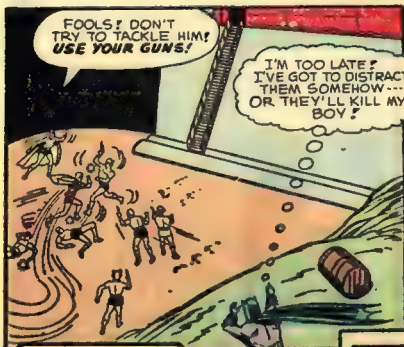


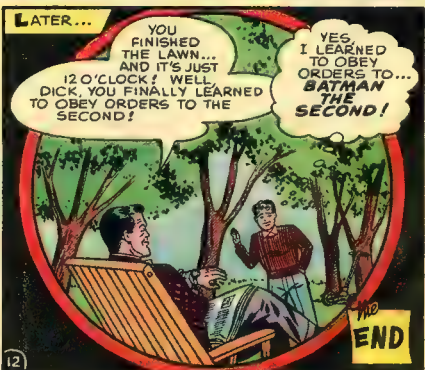
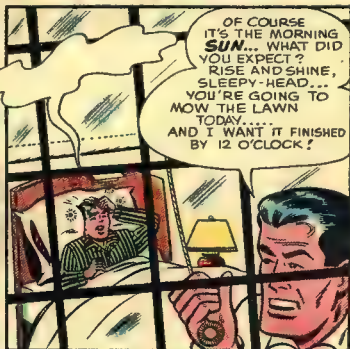
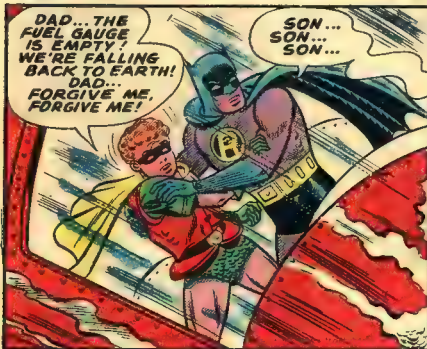
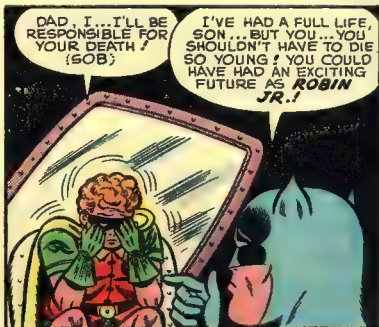
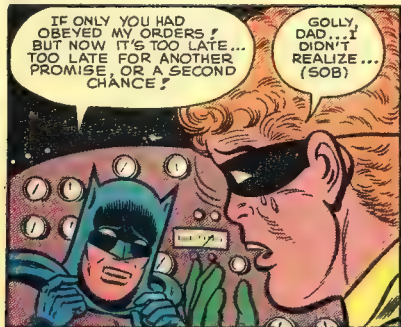
IN THE **BATCAVE'S** SCIENCE LAB, THE DUO
INSPECTS A SEISMOGRAPH...AN INSTRUMENT
WHICH RECORDS EARTHQUAKES AND
VIBRATIONS...

SOME TIME LATER...IN A DESOLATE
MOUNTAIN AREA...



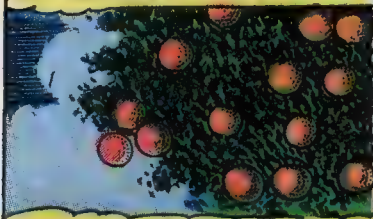






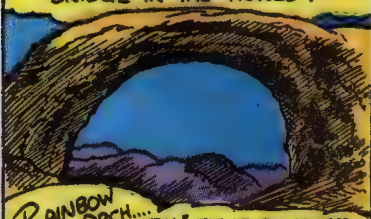
QUICK QUIZ

AFTER THEY ARE PICKED, WILL ORANGES RIPEN?



NO! UNLIKE MOST FRUITS...ORANGES DO NOT RIPEN....AFTER PICKING!

WHICH IS THE LARGEST NATURAL BRIDGE IN THE WORLD?



RAINBOW ARCH.... UTAH! IT IS SO HUGE THAT THE CAPITOL BUILDING IN WASHINGTON COULD BE PLACED UNDER IT!

CAN A PERSON GO LONGER WITHOUT EATING OR WITHOUT SLEEPING?



ONE CAN SURVIVE LONGER WITHOUT EATING! HUMAN BEINGS HAVE LIVED FOR SIX WEEKS WITHOUT FOOD.... BUT NO LONGER THAN FIVE DAYS WITHOUT SLEEP!

ARE THERE ANY TRACES TODAY OF THE BIG FLOOD OF NOAH'S TIME?

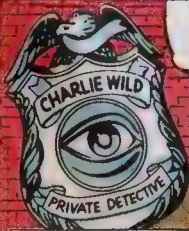


YES! ONE FOURTH OF IRAN IS DRIED UP DESERT THAT HAS CRACKED INTO ODD SHAPES CAUSED WHEN THE WATERS OF THE FLOOD DRIED UP WAY BACK IN THE DAYS OF NOAH!

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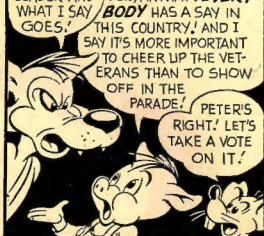
FELLOWS, THE MAYOR'S PICKED OUR BAND TO BE **FIRST** IN THE FOURTH OF JULY PARADE! SO WE GOTTA FIX UP AN EXTRA FANCY FLOAT! WITH RED, WHITE AND BLUE STREAMERS ALL OVER AND--

BUT WE CAN'T DO IT, WOLFIE! ALL OUR SPARE TIME IS TAKEN UP--WE'RE BOOKED TO PLAY AT THE VETERANS' HOSPITAL THE NEXT FEW DAYS, REMEMBER?

WE'LL JUST HAVE TO SKIP THAT! I'M THE LEADER AND WHAT I SAY GOES!

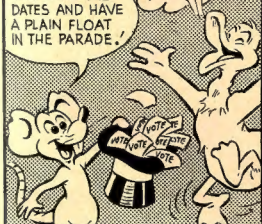
WAIT A MINUTE! WHAT DO YOU THINK THE FOURTH OF JULY STANDS FOR, ANYWAY? **EVERYBODY** HAS A SAY IN THIS COUNTRY! AND I SAY IT'S MORE IMPORTANT TO CHEER UP THE VETERANS THAN TO SHOW OFF IN THE PARADE!

PETER'S RIGHT! LET'S TAKE A VOTE ON IT!



THE MAJORITY VOTES TO KEEP THE HOSPITAL DATES AND HAVE A PLAIN FLOAT IN THE PARADE!

HURRAY!



AND SO, THE DAY OF THE PARADE...

WE SURE GAVE THOSE VETS A SWELL CONCERT LAST NIGHT, DIDN'T WE?

YEAH--I HOPE YOU'RE SATISFIED!



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GEE, FELLOWS--I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY--

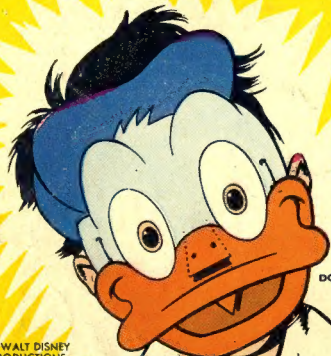
THAT'S OKAY, WOLFIE! JUST SO LONG AS THERE'S SOMEBODY AROUND TO SPEAK UP LIKE PETER DID, WE CAN KEEP EACH OTHER IN LINE! THAT'S **REAL** DEMOCRACY!



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